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REOPENING OF PEARL RIVER "SHORTLY"

CANTON UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Canton, To-day.
The city was placed under strict martial law on the occasion of the arrival of Prince Asaka, a member of the Japanese Royal Family.
The Prince, who landed from a plane from Formosa, is on an inspection trip.—Reuter.

Surrender Of Madrid Expected In 24 Hours

Paris, To-day.
News received from Spain last night indicates that surrender of Madrid will be a fact within 12 or 24 hours. A plane with Republican Spanish marks arrived in Burgos at 3 p.m. and left 6.45 p.m.

Although Franco refuses all information, it is taken for granted that the occupants were delegates of the Madrid Junta, transmitting the answer to the conditions presented for capitulation of Madrid. Messages from Madrid say that the Secretary of the Republican Junta, Juan del Rio, made a speech during which he read a telegram addressed to the Franco Government. "To-morrow (Monday) we will send our planes as a token of symbolic surrender. We ask you to communicate with us regarding the hour of surrender."

Del Rio appealed to the Madrid population to preserve calm. Troops should not act on their own initiative but wait for the order of the Junta.—Trans-Ocean.

MYSTERY GIRL IN TO-DAY'S HOLD-UP

A mystery girl, about eleven years of age, was taken to the Mongkok Police Station from the goldsmith's shop, on the ground floor of No. 505, Shanghai

Assurance Given In Canton Conference

Canton, To-day.

Some reasons for the continued closure of the Pearl River were explained by the Japanese Military spokesman at the second Japanese press conference.

Military operations along the river, he said, were still in progress and as secrecy was one of the essentials for the success of the operations, it was not possible to allow ships to pass up and down the various areas in which the Japanese were operating.

In addition, free passage for ships along the river would at the present juncture prove a considerable hindrance to Japanese troops who would have to continually consider their safety.

"As soon as military operations permit, the river will be opened," he asserted.

With regard to the few British steamers bottled up in Canton, the spokesman said that all had cargo aboard. As soon as this was removed they would be allowed to move.

FAILURE ADMITTED

In reply to other questions, the spokesman admitted that as a check against crime, the order compelling all Chinese to wear good citizen badges had proved a failure.

Both the Japanese Army and Navy authorities realised the ineffectiveness of the system and were now considering its abolition.

It was also announced that the Japanese authorities hoped to abolish, very shortly, the neces-

Street, where a daylight robbery occurred this morning.

The girl is said to have been found on the premises by police soon after the robbers had decamped and it is alleged two pieces of gold jewellery were found in the girl's possession.

It is now revealed that jewellery worth \$1,647 was removed by the robbers, who fired two shots into the air before departing.

SOVIET NAVAL STRENGTH AT VLADIVOSTOK

Tokyo, To-day.

It is reported in the Japanese press that as a result of a recent survey, it has been ascertained that the Soviet has a powerful naval defensive force at Vladivostok.

The Japanese figures give the strength of the Soviet Navy in the Far East as:

7 cruisers of old pattern;
7 destroyers;
80 submarines;
140 high-speed motor torpedo-boats; and
700 long-distance bombers of high speeds. — Our Own Correspondent.

PEIPING FOOD SHORTAGE

Peiping, To-day.

Owing to a danger of a food shortage in the city, the Japanese have placed an embargo on the export of foodstuffs. — Our Own Correspondent.

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BRITAIN MOVING TOWARDS CONSCRIPTION



Priscilla Lane, who appears in "Romance and Rhythm," coming to the King's Theatre shortly. Dick Powell plays the male lead.

CAPONE TURNS SQUEALER

New York, March 10.

"Scarface" Al Capone, imprisoned overlord of America's gangs, has broken the unwritten law of his kind. He has squealed—on the man who first gave him his chance in Chicago, Johnny Torrio.

Torrio, having gone from New York to Chicago in 1920 and become underworld "big shot," sent for Capone, who then running speakeasies in New York, and taught him the "business."

Capone outshone Torrio and became frightened that he would try to kill him.

At the end of this year Capone leaves prison, so, knowing that Torrio was still at liberty, he asked for Government agents to be sent to his cell on Alcatraz Island, off San Francisco.

And he gave the agents fifty pages of testimony against Torrio.

London, To-day.
The increasing urgency with which the conscription issue is being discussed in Britain was clearly indicated in the London press this week-end.

The "Sunday Despatch" diplomatic correspondent declares that in political circles some form of conscription is now regarded as inevitable and the first step towards this will be the announcement shortly of a compulsory national register.

"The Observer" considers that there is little doubt that there is now a majority in Parliament which favours some measure of conscription.

While some commentators refer to the Labour Party's opposition to conscription they also indicate the importance of not disturbing the Labour supply for key industries.

CITIZEN SERVICE

The great majority of leader writers agree with the editor of the "Observer," Mr. J. L. Garvin, in demanding some form of citizen service as a statutory obligation.

Mr. Garvin adds:—Until we make it plain to friend and foe alike that the spirit of this country is utterly resolved to attain equal organisation and power by equal service and sacrifice, there will be no sufficient belief in totalitarian societies that we are as virile as they in fibre."
—Reuter.

The new French Ambassador, M. Henri Cosme, is expected to arrive here on board the s.s. Canton this afternoon from Hanoi, according to the local French Consulate.

LIECHENSTEIN NEXT ON LIST?

Is Liechtenstein a mildish next on the list? A Trans-Ocean message says that a statement has been issued showing that the formation of Greater Germany has had its effects "even in forgotten corners of Europe."

"One gathers from this statement that 10,000 German speaking citizens of this miniature Alpine State which since 1920, is not as formerly in customs union with Austria but with Switzerland, are carrying on a violent controversy as to whether Liechtenstein should or not enter into economic union with Germany.

The majority of younger generation is said to be in favour, while the elder and more conservative generation would prefer matters to remain as they are.

Public meetings were held at the week-end in Schaan when something which has not occurred in Liechtenstein for 21 years took place, namely police had to intervene and take number of a participants at these meetings into custody.

One group of young men who were on march to Schaan from other villages returned home when informed what had happened.—Trans-Ocean.

BORRACHITO DESTROYED

(By "RAPIER")

Borrachito, which was originally owned by "Gordos" but which was recently purchased at the Pony Roup for \$65.00 by Mr. Robert Chiu, had to be destroyed this morning.

It was taken out by its new owner for its morning exercise, Mr. Chiu giving the pony a last quarter gallop. On nearing the winning post, however, the pony developed lameness and refused to move. The jockey dismounted, and, when examined by Major Hogg, it was found that the pony had developed lameness to such an extent that there was no alternative but to order its destruction.

50 MILLION YEARS OLD

A fish belonging to a species believed to have been extinct for fifty million years, caught in the sea forty fathoms deep, is described by scientists as being of "absolutely incalculable value."

Five feet long, it weighs 127 lb. It is a brilliant steel blue and has no bones but a cartilage. Its fins and scales are most primitive. The species are known as crossopterygia, fossils of which are numerous in the northern hemisphere.

THREE RAIDS ON SWATOW YESTERDAY

Swatow, To-day.

Three raids were carried out on the port yesterday by a squadron of Japanese bombers, the air-raid alarm being sounded at 7.30 a.m. and the "all clear" signal after 6 p.m.

At 8 a.m. four Japanese machines coming from the direction of Namoa, where an aircraft carrier is located, flew over the city and dropped 10 bombs on and in the neighbourhood of the Chao-On-Swatow Railway terminus.

The ticket office and sleeping quarters of the railway staff were reduced to ruins.

One of the railway coaches was hit and wrecked.

Fortunately, not many people were in the neighbourhood, the only casualty being a Chinese policeman who was killed.—Our Own Correspondent.

SECOND RAID

Two hours later another squadron appeared along the river. Flying low, they opened up with machine-guns on the rivercraft, the majority of which had been temporarily abandoned after the alarm was sounded.

Shortly after 1 p.m. four machines flew upriver and dropped bombs on the river-boat "Tai Wah." Six passengers were killed and 10 wounded.

About 15 Japanese warships are cruising outside Swatow, and tension is now high in the port.—Our Own Correspondent.

BOEING BRINGS SOCCER TEAM

It was revealed this morning that the Straits Chinese football team, visiting Hong Kong in the course of a tour, left Manila this morning by air, in the new Boeing Clipping Al together, thirty passengers, the largest to travel on a single plane to or from Hong Kong, left Manila at 7 a.m. and were due at about noon. It is learned that 25 passengers are booked to leave Hong Kong by the plane at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow.

MYSTERY OF EXPLOSIVES LIFT IN A TRAIN

WOMAN FINDS BOMB IN PARCEL

Home Office experts were examining six detonators and a time fuse apparatus found in a brown-paper parcel by the Hon. Mrs. Francis Hodgson, of Sherecroft, Botley, Hampshire, among her shopping.

Mrs. Hodgson had been shopping in town. Her parcels were placed in the train at Waterloo by a porter. Another porter transferred the parcels to the Botley train at Winchester.

The police believe the parcel containing the explosives might have been left on the rack in the express restaurant car by another passenger and picked up inadvertently by the porter at Winchester.

GELIGNITE STOLEN

"Obviously it was not intended as a bomb" for it had not been fixed

to go off," said an officer engaged on the inquiries. "But I wouldn't like to say what might have happened if the parcel had been dropped."

The Hon. Mrs. Francis Hodgson is the aunt of Lord Walsingham, and the widow of the Rev. Francis Henry Hodgson.

When the Parkview Brickworks, Belfast, was opened for work, it was found that the entire stock of gelignite, half a hundredweight, had been stolen during the week-end.

Two men were arrested in Belfast by a constable who saw one of them throw a parcel away.

It was found to contain 260 rounds of ammunition, and a quantity of potassium chlorate was discovered on one of the men.

SECRET KNOCK TRAPPED

"JOHN THE JACKDAW"

Master Fence Was A Miser, Too

John the Jackdaw, one of the best-known fences in London's underworld, notorious among thieves because they knew that they could sell him any piece of jewellery provided it gleamed or glittered, ended his career at the London Sessions with a sentence of three years' penal servitude.

John the Jackdaw is 75 years old. To his respectable neighbours he was known (by his real name) as "Old Mr. John Curran." He lived in a beautifully furnished house in Oakley-road, Islington.

It was there, at a side door, that Scotland Yard trapped him—by the secret knock that he thought was known only to the thieves with whom he dealt, writes a reporter.

John was first sentenced for receiving in 1897, and in the last 42 years he has received five sentences totalling 22 years—all for receiving. Yesterday six charges were brought against him and he asked that 14 others should be taken into consideration.

Mr. G. G. Raphael, who prosecuted, said that a detective called at a side door of Curran's house carrying a suitcase.

Curran called out. "What do you want?" and the officer replied, "I want to see Ted."

Curran invited the detective inside and asked, "What have you got? Anything good?" and the officer replied, "I have got the right stuff."

The lower part of Curran's house was crammed with stolen property he had been collecting for years.

SPECIAL DRAWER

More was discovered in a specially constructed drawer in his bedroom dressing-table.

This drawer could be pulled out so that John could gloat on its glittering contents.

As his counsel said in court—he was "not an ordinary receiver, but an eccentric, avaricious, old miser."

The total value of John's hoard was about £2,000, of which £1,000 has been identified. The balance is at Somers Town police station.

Much of it was stolen from London suburbs, including Harrow, Sidecup, Kensington, Abbey Wood, Stanmore, Wanstead, Wimbledon and Edgware.

The hoard includes watches, rings, silverware, a \$150 fur coat, cutlery, bracelets and necklaces.

DECEIVED NEIGHBOURS

Curran's son, who was stated to "I think that if I had been in be well-to-do, said of his father: his position and had been given the

sentence he received when he was convicted in 1897 I would have done the same—that is, taken revenge on society."

None of the neighbours in Oakley-road suspected Curran. To them he was just an amiable old man, who smiled and nodded.

GERMAN TRADE UNDERSTANDING WITH SLOVAKIA

Berlin, To-day.

Germany has signified her readiness to assist the Slovak Government in the task of economic and financial reconstruction.

In order to facilitate the immediate exchange of goods between the two countries, a clearing agreement was signed on Saturday and, in connection therewith, the German Government has expressed its willingness to facilitate, as much as possible, the importation of Slovak goods into Germany to the extent desired by the Slovak Government.

Arrangements were also made for promoting trade between the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia on the one hand and Slovakia on the other. Goods exchanged between those countries, as well as between the Sudeten German area and Slovakia will, until further notice, be exempt from Customs duty.—Trans-Ocean.

INAUGURAL TRANSATLANTIC MAIL FLIGHT

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE YANKEE CLIPPER LEFT BALTIMORE AT 7.34 P.M. YESTERDAY G.M.T. CARRYING 21 MEN, THE LARGEST NUMBER EVER TO EMBARK ON A TRANS-ATLANTIC HEAVIER-THAN-AIR MACHINE.

It is expected to arrive at the Azores early to-day.

This is the inaugural flight of the Transatlantic air service. The Clipper will return via Ireland and Botwood, Newfoundland.—Reuter.



NO MORE "FORM FOURS" IN THE BRITISH ARMY.—Soon now the voice of the sergeant-major booming "form . . . Fours" will be silenced for ever, when the British Army both regulars and Territorials, are performing ceremonial drill or are in battle order. Instead the new system of carrying out every operation in "threes" will be in regular use. Photo shows the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards on parade in Wellington Barracks, London, when for the first time they adopted the "form threes" system. (Air Mail).

MR. HUDSON ON WAY HOME

London, To-day.

The Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, Mr. Robert Hudson, and other members of the British Mission, left Moscow at midnight for Leningrad on the first stage of their homeward journey.—British Wireless.

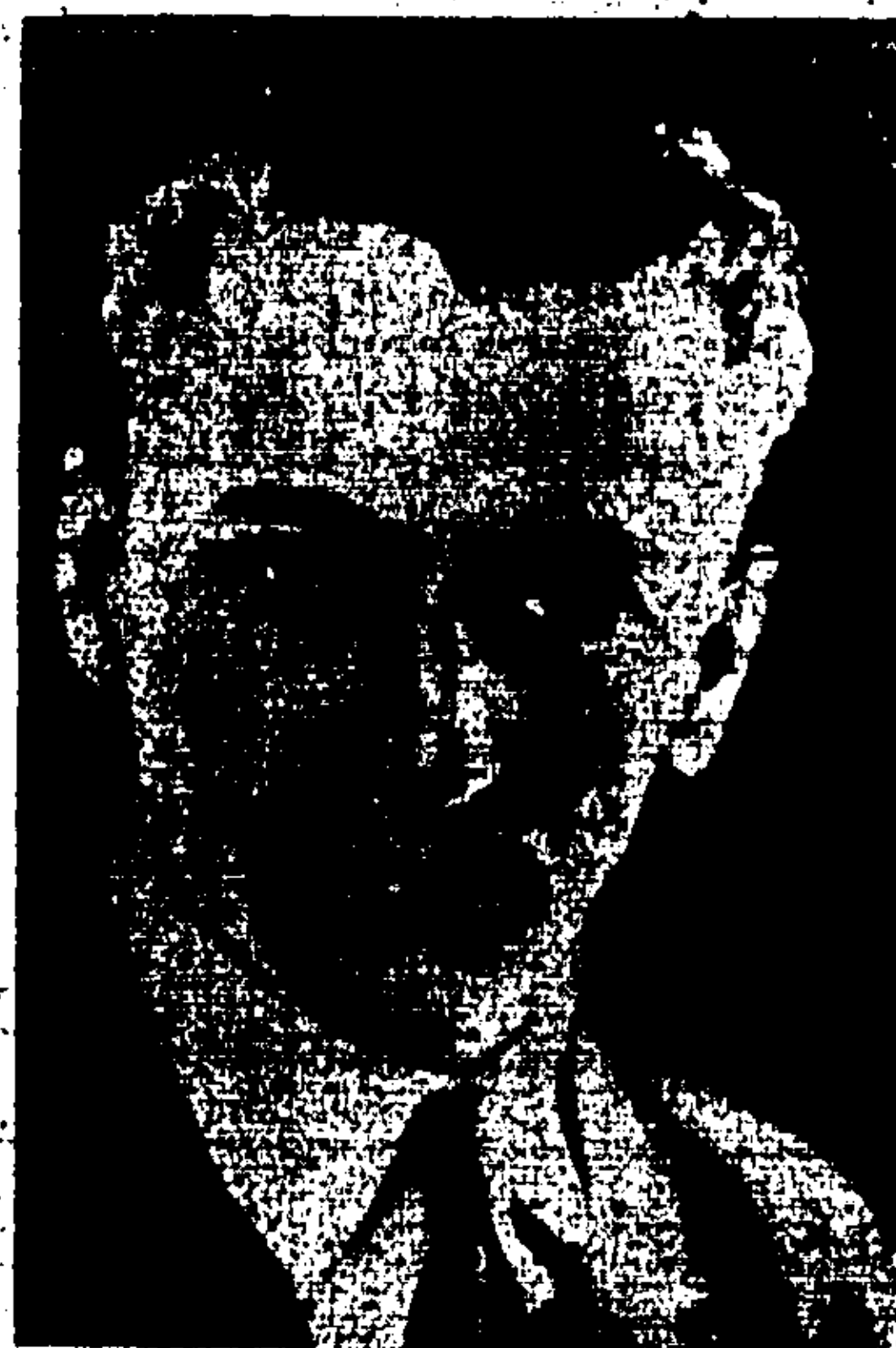
MADRID PEACE DISAPPOINTMENT

Paris, To-day.

It is believed that peace negotiations between Republican Spain and General Franco have been delayed by the discussion of certain essential points in the Republican proposals, according to a Madrid message.—Reuter.

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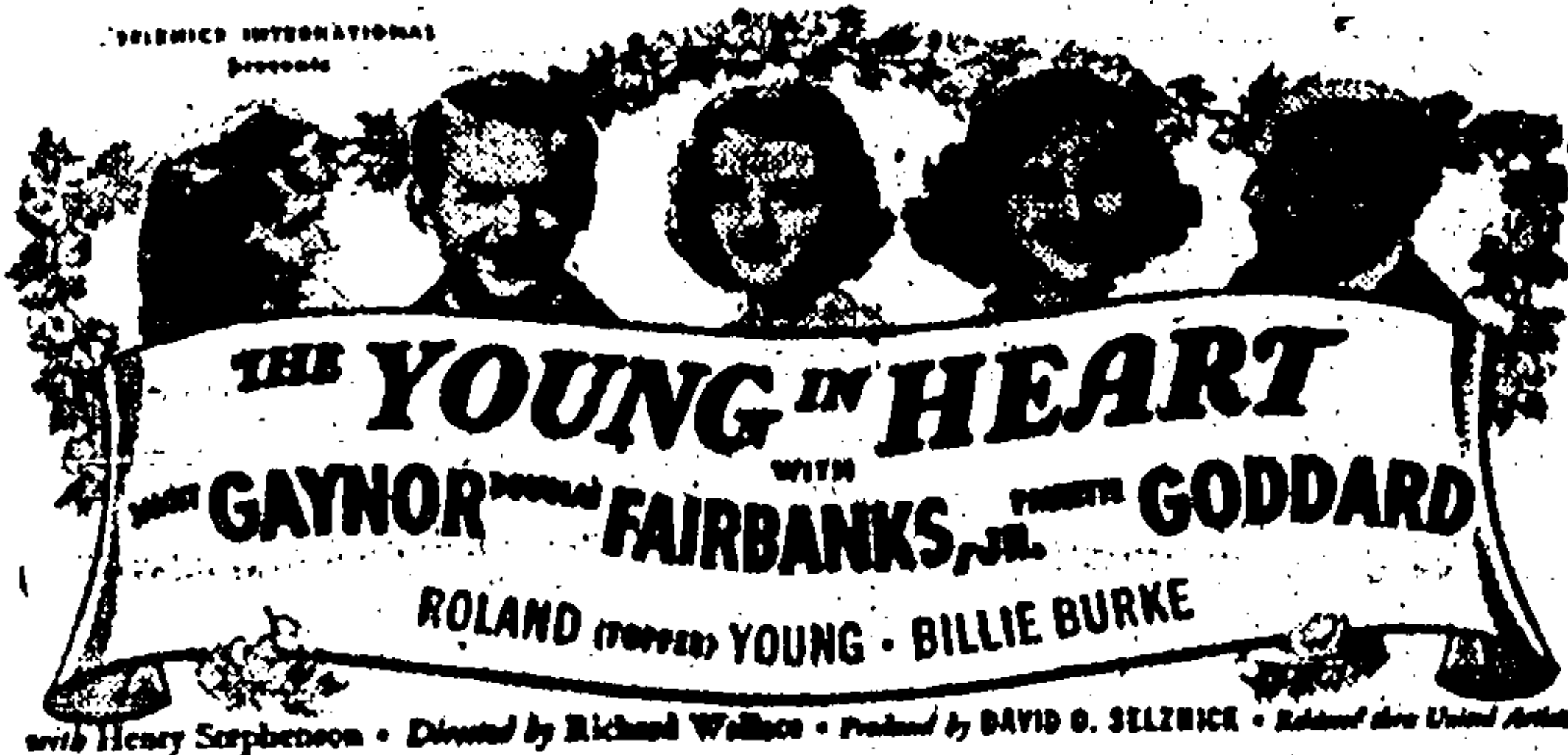


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Clarification Of Axis Policy: Berlin On Duce's Speech

Berlin, To-day.

Mussolini's Rome speech is regarded in Berlin as a further important contribution towards clarifying the policy of the Rome-Berlin Axis. When Il Duce emphasised the need for a long period of peace, it is pointed out, he was reiterating views frequently expressed by Herr Hitler.

Mussolini left no doubt about the inviolability of the Axis, that it was unaffected by recent events in Central Europe, and that his warning of what would follow success of the British attempt to accomplish the encirclement of Germany was anticipated.

As for colonial questions, in the opinion of Berlin, Mussolini has made himself clear to France and it is for France to reply.

The Berlin newspapers this morning express themselves in the same sense.

THE BARRICADE

"The barricade which according to Il Duce at Genoa lay between France and Italy has been removed by the fact that in Spain, Italy has saved France from Bolshevism," write the "Lokal-Anzeiger."

"The chasm is not yet, however, bridged over.

"Mussolini is ready to build a bridge, but the French are not. That indicates the measure of the desire for peace that prevails, respectively, in Italy and France.

"The Axis as Mussolini has made clear to the world is not an alliance. Neither Britain nor France are threatened by the totalitarian States, but as Mussolini says: If we are attacked by even an attempt at encirclement, Germany and Italy jointly, would answer with a sharp attack under the banner of Right.

FRENCH ATTACK

In Paris, "Le Temps" asks: Can the 'demands' enumerated by Mussolini be taken as a basis of negotiations? It adds that judgment must be withheld until the Italian demands are exactly known.

The whole Paris press points out that in declaiming: Tunis! Djibouti! Suez! Mussolini failed to say what he wanted.—Trans-Ocean.

JAIL FOR MAKING CIGARETTES

For having manufactured cigarettes without a license, Sing Chuen Lam, 40 year old unemployed Chinese, was sentenced to 10 days hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the accused had been manufacturing the cigarettes in the street by an old fashioned cigarette manufacturing box at the time of his arrest.

BLIND BEGGAR BOUND OVER

Pleading not guilty to a charge of begging, a blind Chinese was this morning placed on a \$10 bond.

A Chinese detective who made the arrest, said defendant was seen accosting passers-by with outstretched hand, at about 5.40 p.m. on March 26. Defendant told the Court that he was a fortune teller.

GOVERNMENT TO SPREAD OUT

Chungking, To-day.

All Government departments will be removed within a month from Chungking to towns within 100 kilometres, an official announcement reveals.

The order is based on the recommendations of the Evacuation Committee of Chungking.

It gives no further details, but it is believed that all ministries and legislative bodies are affected.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE CONVERGING ON NANCHANG

Shanghai, To-day.

Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, a city which for eight centuries has never been entered by armed forces, is about to fall, according to reliable messages from Chinese sources.

The Japanese claim yesterday that they had occupied the town is denied, but, according to reports last night, the city is being threatened by the Japanese converging from six different routes, north and north west of the city.

During the last few days, Chinese troops have been forced to withdraw from the city to the outskirts by constant bombing, and yesterday a pitched battle was fought less than ten miles north-west of the walled city.—Our Own Correspondent.

BURGLARY IN SHANGHAI STREET

With several previous convictions, Chan Man, 20, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when found guilty of burglary and larceny. He was also recommended for banishment.

Another youth of 25, Leung Wai, was given three months' imprisonment for taking part in the burglary and larceny with Chan.

It was said that the two youths had broken into the ground floor of No. 161 Shanghai Street at 2 a.m. on March 23 and from there they had stolen 25 rolls of cloth, valued at \$40.

Det.-Sgt. C. Baldwin prosecuted.

JAPANESE CONCENTRATE ON NANCHANG LEFT WING

Siusui, Kiangsi, To-day.

Latest field despatches from the Kiukiang-Nanchang front late last evening give the Chinese outer defence of Nanchang as running in a semi-circular line from Wankiafow to the north, Fengsing to the east, and Wanshoukung to the south, within a radius of fifteen miles from the Kiangsi provincial capital.

The Japanese thrust on the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway towards Nanchang which developed into large scale operations towards the early part of last week, assumed proportions of a major push in the week-end.

By yesterday afternoon, the Chinese defenders were stubbornly holding the weight of a gigantic Japanese flanking movement which planned to cut the Chinese rear from Nanchang.

Fighting was concentrated on the left wing, running roughly along a parallel line east of the railway.

Japanese mechanised units, lumbering into action from Wuning, crossed the Peiliao River and the Chungliao River to reach the Nanchang River, triple tributaries of the Kan River which washes Nanchang's waterfront.

A determined stand put up near Fengsing, has effectively called the Japanese drive to a halt, after inflicting heavy casualties.

Throughout yesterday, the Japanese developed their flanking movement with some success trying to turn the Chinese wing by striking south-eastward from Fengsing and menacing the south of Nanchang. Supported by a large number of bombers, a mechanised column and chemical units, then reached a point west of Wanshoukung on the Nanchang-Wantsai highway, but were there checked.

In the bitter struggle, the Japanese lost six armoured cars and a fighting plane.

The Japanese lost more than 1,000 men in the push.

The invaders resorted to the use of gas throughout the operations.

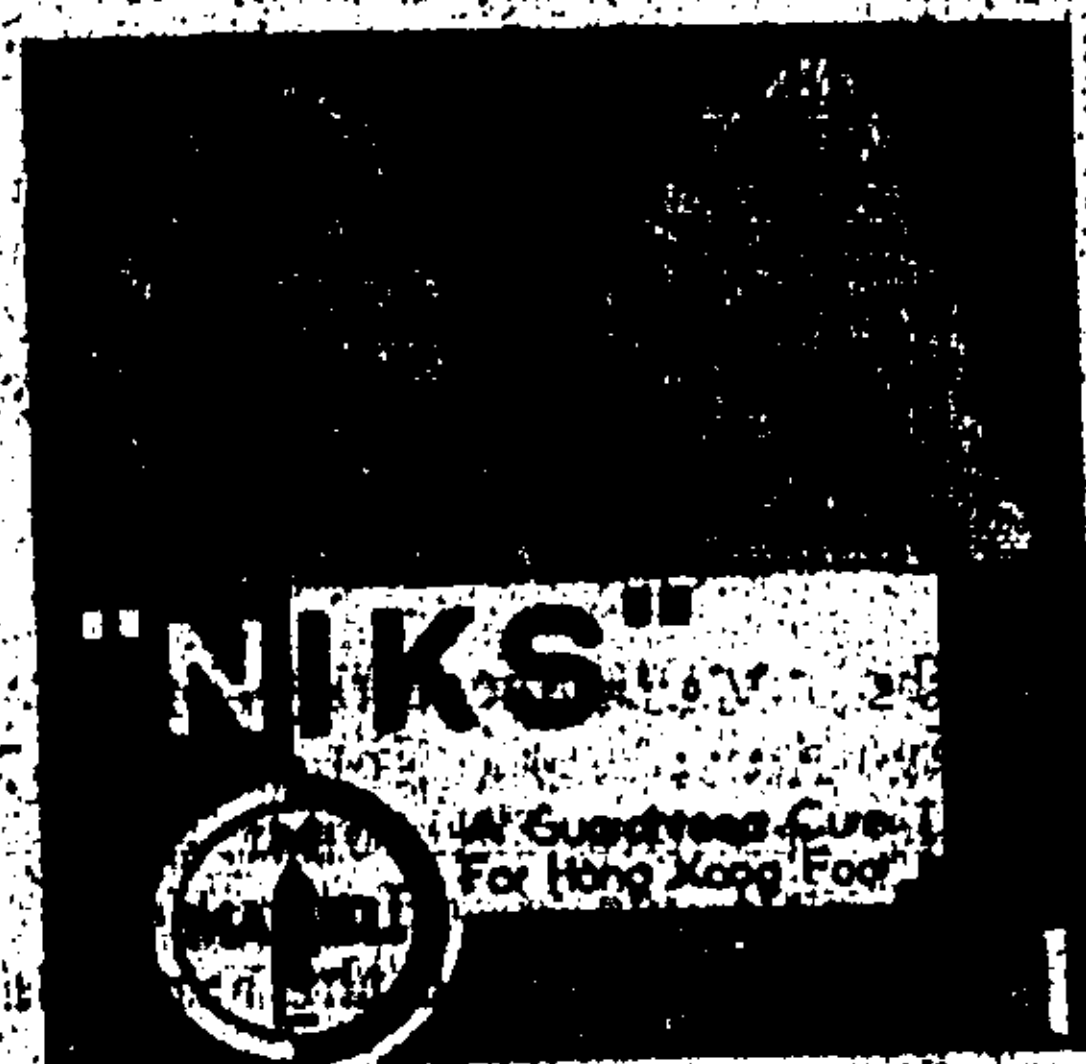
The centre and right wing, with points north of Lohua as the main field of struggle, remained comparatively calm during the week-end.—Central News.

COUNTER-ATTACK

Tungsiang, To-day.

To counter the Japanese advance on the left wing of the Nanchang-Kiukiang front, Chinese forces east of the railway, launched an attack on the Japanese forces at Anyi, eighteen miles northeast of Nanchang, yesterday morning.

A number of important points outside Anyi, including Tiger Hill and Phoenix Hill, 9 miles northwest of the town, were recaptured by the Chinese.—Central News.



NEW SHOW SETS A "TEASER"

Will they strip or won't they?

The answer to that question will be given when the new George Black revue, "Black and Blue," opens at Brighton for a short run before coming to London Hippodrome.

Mr. Black has engaged several New York "burlesque" artists for his new show.

"Burlesque" is the American term for strip-tease.

"Burlesque" in its most blatant form was banned in New York on May 1, 1937, when many of the famous "burley" theatres were fined or closed down.

In April 1937, strip-tease was the subject of discussion in Britain, when Diane Raye, 19-years-old American, was due to remove her clothes in a London theatre.

At the end of her act she still wore more than any British girl in a modern swimsuit, and the show was not a success.

In London, at the Prince of Wales Theatre, the Windmill Theatre, the London Casino, and several provincial theatres and music-halls, girls have recently posed or danced with almost nothing on.

Can Mr. Black's "burlesque" girls go farther than that?

NANKING FULL OF WOUNDED

Chungking, To-day.

Attesting to the heavy casualties suffered by the Japanese in the present Kiangsi drive, a recent arrival in Shanghai from Nanking states that the former capital is now
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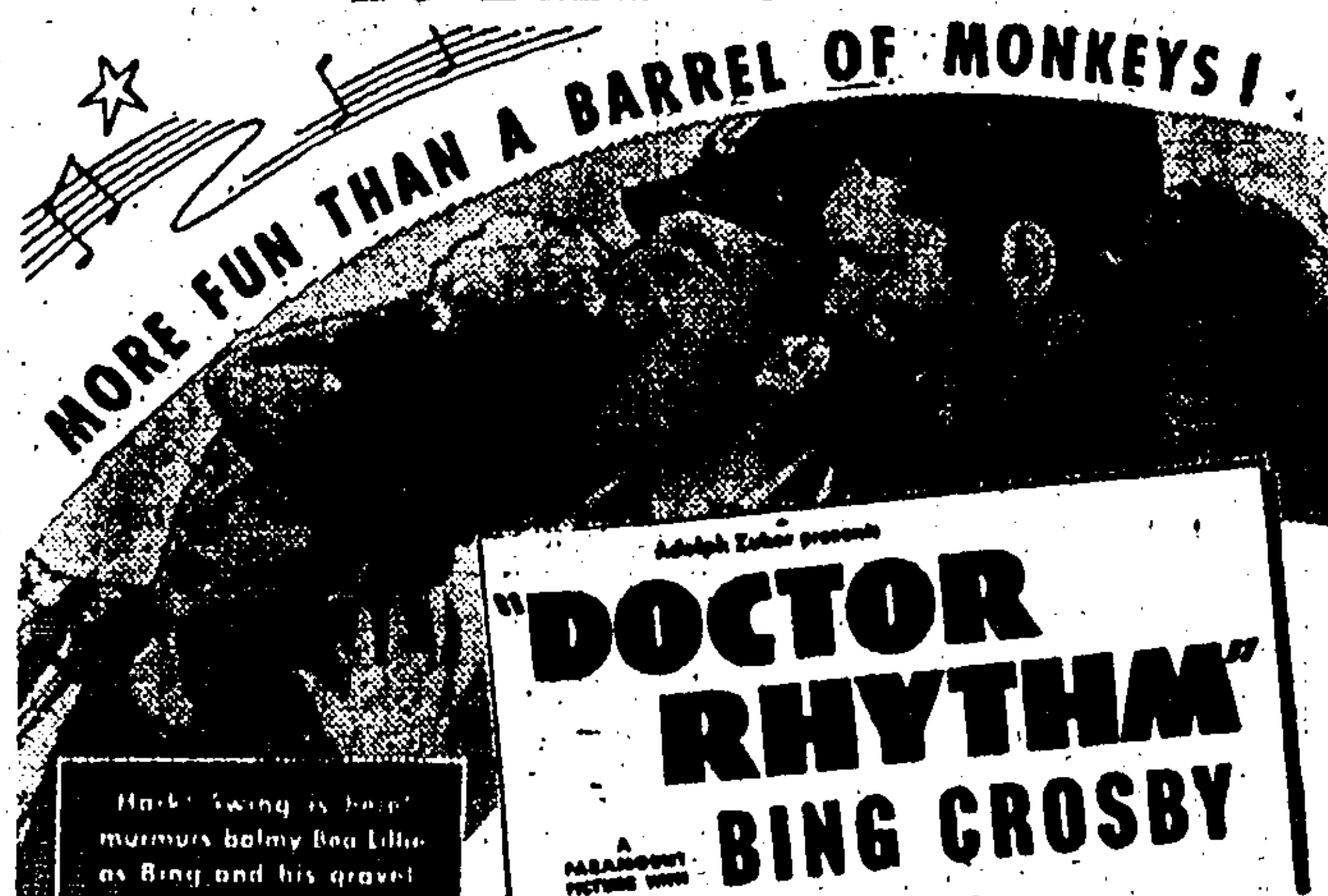
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Eurasia Plane Disaster Details

(From A Special Correspondent)

KUNMING, TO-DAY.

THE NAMES OF THE FOUR PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE ILL-FATED EURASIA PASSENGER PLANE, WHICH CRASHED IN KWEICHOW PROVINCE, ON MARCH 12 HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND ARE

Mr. Yang Wen-min,
Mr. Wang Fung-chong, both bankers attached to the Sian branch of the Bank of China,
Mr. Tsor Shou-sin, Szechuan merchant, and
a woman, Hsu Kwong-tam.

All four were burned to death while the machine was reduced to ashes by the fire which broke out after the crash occurred.

It is now also established that there was no official of the Hong Kong branch of the Bank of China on board that machine, the Chief Secretary of the Bank of China (Hong Kong) having left by an earlier plane.

The Chinese pilot and co-pilot are the only survivors of the crash, the former having all his teeth smashed, while the latter sustained serious injuries to face and body.

Both are now being treated in hospital.

The weather was bad for flying on the day the machine departed from Chungking.

S O S WARNING

Soon after its departure, an urgent message was flashed to the Eurasia office stating that the machine was encountering very bad weather. A second message revealed that one of the engines had ceased functioning and that the pilot was searching for a suitable spot for a forced landing.

The third and last message sent out was an S.O.S. stating that the machine was out of control.

The machine crashed into the side of a mountain, about 30 miles from Weining, near the Kweichow-Yunnan border and burned itself out. The pilot and co-pilot managed to escape from the blazing plane.

Villagers brought in the pilots to Weining three days after the crash, and later a car was sent to bring them to Kunming where they are in hospital.

DE VALERA'S TERMS FOR COOPERATION

Dublin, To-day.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, President of the Council of Eire, upon his return from the coronation of the Pope, said that he had had conversations with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and Sir Thomas Inskip, the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, in London which related to matters of common concern between Eire and Britain and to world affairs.

It is believed that partition was the major consideration in Mr. de Valera's mind, while the British Ministers were specially interested in defence.

It is understood that Mr. de Valera adhered to the attitude that partition was vitally important to Anglo-Irish relations and defence co-operation could not be realised whilst the dispute lasted.

As matters stand, neutrality is the basis of Eire policy, making certain, however, that Britain shall not be attacked through Eire if crises arise. —Reuter.

GUNNER'S ODD STORY ABOUT ELECTRIC FAN

GUNNER TAM FUK, OF THE 8TH HEAVY REGIMENT, ROYAL ARTILLERY, CHINESE SECTION, WAS BROUGHT BEFORE MR. R. EDWARDS AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH LARCENY OF A TABLE ELECTRIC FAN FROM BOY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, ON FRIDAY. DEFENDANT PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

A watchman, Kong Sau, of the Public Works Department, said that his attention was drawn by the noise of smashing glass. Later, he saw defendant coming out from the path between the garage and the P.W.D. building, carrying an electric fan. He stopped and questioned defendant, who admitted he stole the fan from Scout Headquarters. He took defendant to the Police Station.

Defendant said that he had no intention of stealing the fan, and if he had, he would have stolen all the valuable articles in the office instead of the electric fan.

He also told the Court that his friend, Wong Yat-hung, a Scoutmaster of the 13th Troop, had told him that he had lost a fountain pen in the office, some time ago. He had seen another Chinese named Wong Tung-hoi, writing with his friend's pen, and when he asked Wong for the pen, Wong made some insulting remarks about him. He got very angry and in an effort to make Wong lose his job, took away the fan from Headquarters.

Defendant said the whole 13th Troop could be called as his witnesses.

Defendant was remanded for 48 hours in Military custody.

BULGARIAN VISIT TO BERLIN

Sofia, To-day.

The Bulgarian Premier and Foreign Minister, Kjossejwanoff, is expected to pay a visit to Berlin in the middle of April.

Particulars in connection with this visit were discussed on Saturday when the Bulgarian Premier received the German Minister in Sofia. —Trans-Ocean.

The s.s. "Marechal Joffre" will arrive in Hong Kong from Marseilles on the 28th inst. at 6 p.m. and will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai and Kobe the same day at 11 p.m.

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IL DUCE'S SPEECH

VIGOROUS, PUGNACIOUS
BUT NOT THREATENING

No Elaboration Or Extension Of Claims

STILL TIME FOR ITALY
AND FRANCE TO FIND
ACCOMMODATION

London, To-day.

While special editions of the Sunday papers containing summaries of Mussolini's speech testify to the keen interest taken in the speech, Britain's first reactions in authoritative quarters are that Mussolini has not belied the expectations aroused by the recent speech of the Italian King on Thursday.

It is felt that while the Duce's speech does not lack its customary vigour and pugnacity, there is little that can be taken as aggressive in its substance.

No one expected Mussolini to go back on the Axis but by implication, the speech recognises the particular needs of Italy as stated by the King and expresses the view that there is still time for France and Italy to collaborate for negotiation of outstanding difficulties and in this connection there is nothing in the nature of a threat or ultimatum or any elaboration or extension of Italian claims which remain upon the familiar basis.

No one in Britain questions the vital importance of the Mediterranean or Adriatic to Italy and the Duce's references to these matters certainly gives no cause for concern in British quarters.

IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT

Mussolini's reference to the danger of an ideological conflict recall that Mr. Chamberlain, as recently as Thursday, emphasised the desire of Britain not to "set up in Europe opposing blocs of countries with different ideas about the forms of internal administration." — Reuter.

NO NEW UNFAVOURABLE
FACTOR

London, To-day.

Mussolini's speech in Rome is being studied carefully in London and meanwhile considered comment is withheld.

On a preliminary reading of the speech, however, first impression in authoritative quarters is that its terms do not belie the general expectations formed after the recent utterance by the King of Italy and it does not appear to introduce any new unfavourable factor into the disturbed European situation.

Loyalty to the Axis which is expected, has not prevented Il Duce from laying special emphasis upon the particular needs of Italy and these passages are receiving special attention.

PEACE HOPE

Mussolini's insistence on the necessity for Europe of enjoying a long period of peace will be warmly

endorsed here and in this connection careful study is being given to references in the speech to Italian aspirations, for it is felt in London that there is still time for Italy and France to negotiate for settlement of their differences.

It is noted that nothing in the speech seems calculated to check such a development. Threatening language has been avoided and in its restatement of Italian claims the speech does not go beyond what is familiar ground.—British Wireless.

MORE RAIN
POSSIBLE

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues moving eastward and now covers central Japan and the adjacent seas. Another anticyclone has formed over North China. A depression is developing in the Eastern Sea.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, misty at first, overcast, some drizzle or light rain later.

FRENCH
AND IL DUCE'S
SPEECH

Paris, To-day.

First reaction on Mussolini's speech is that the situation has neither improved nor worsened while the problem of exactly what Mussolini wants is still not clear. Some relief is felt that the Duce delayed forcing the issue and leaves hope of an amicable settlement.—Reuter.

RAINCOAT THEFT

Mr. A. P. Brown, of 16 Nullah Road, this morning appeared as complainant at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen when a Chinese was charged with stealing his raincoat.

Inspector G. Wright, prosecuting, said the raincoat was kept in Mr. Brown's car which was parked behind the Philipino Club, King's Park, yesterday afternoon.

The Chinese, Chau Tim, 32, was seen by a Club gardener, Wong Fuk, opening the car's window and stealing the raincoat.

The gardener gave chase and arrested accused half way up King's Park Hill.

Accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour while the gardener was commended by the Magistrate.

Caught by a Chinese constable after snatching a handbag, containing \$38.35, from a woman in Wong Chuk Street on Saturday, Chan Ying-leung, 22, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon.

NAZI SUPPORT
OF IL DUCE
"IF BRITAIN
RISKS WAR"

Berlin, To-day.

Wholehearted support and approval is accorded Mussolini's speech.

He showed clearly that peace is not tantamount to the unconditional preservation of the past which was like forbidding the rebuilding of an old house, said one spokesman. He added, We declare that the house must be rebuilt.

If Britain risks war, she cannot believe that conditions will remain the same at the end of it.—Reuter.

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Slough, Bucks, March 12.

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Davy hated the name "Olive," therefore it was easy for him to conjure a distasteful picture of his cousin. It was equally easy for him to imagine the reputation he'd gain among his playmates when they found him associating with a girl.

Oh, life was hard at this point, but ice skates are ice skates.

Olive and her mother arrived two days later. Olive had golden curls and blue eyes and a warm, friendly smile. The first time she looked at him the picture of distaste which Davy had conjured was dissipated as completely as the first warm sun dissipates the ice on Miller's Pond. Davy's gang had never considered it

ments to be with the gang alone, but for moments to be with Olive without the gang. He found that he had not only lost interest in things that he had heretofore delighted in doing but he had lost his appetite and couldn't sleep nights and that mostly he was beset by a burning sensation inside of him which later he came to recognize as jealousy.

And then, on the fourth day of Olive's visit, a terrible, terrible thought occurred to him. He was Olive's cousin! Being her cousin made him ineligible to be her husband. Why did these things have to be? What difference could it make? He had never seen her before. The fact that they were related gave him no sense of possession, nor made him think of her in no less an ardent light.

For two days Davy brooded and suffered and pitied himself and considered running away and becoming a hermit. He could understand now why Olive was interested in Butch and Ribby. She, like him, realized that cousins could never be more than informal and casual.

Three more days passed. Davy was maddened by the sight of Butch and Ribby monopolizing and basking in the warmth of Olive's smile. She

By Karl Grayson

masculine to associate with members of the opposite sex, but holy smokes, thought Davy, this was because they had never seen a member of the opposite sex who even remotely resembled Olive.

The day after Olive arrived Davy's mother held a party to which most of the neighbourhood children were invited. To Davy's dismay he discovered that the gang members shared his feelings toward Olive. They fought to be near her, to dance with her, to wait on her. Davy was disgusted to realize his gang could display so much interest in a girl. Not only disgusted, but annoyed. And more annoyed still when he saw that Olive liked the attention she was getting. He couldn't understand what a girl like Olive could see in boys like Butch Dixon and Ribby Flake and all the others.

If Davy had continued thinking along his original lines to the effect that Olive was going to be an obstacle in his daily routine these fears would have been allayed the next day. For Olive proved to be an understanding soul. She realized, she said, that boys didn't like to have girls hanging around and for Davy not to think about her because she could entertain herself.

This was disconcerting, and left Davy with no alternative, but to seem appreciative. She had brought a pair of skis with her. She got them out and climbed the hill behind the house and Davy, to whom skiing was still a novel sport, was amazed at the exhibition she gave.

Even so, he might have left her alone except for the fact that ten minutes after she had appeared on the hill, Butch and Ribby and three other boys appeared. Resentful, seeing an excuse to play a mild role of hero, Davy mounted the hill and ordered the other boys off, allowing that Olive wanted to be alone. But Olive only smiled warmly. "Oh, no, it's nice to have Butch and Ribby and all the others here," she said. "And you, too, Davy, of course."

During the week that followed Davy found himself battling not for mo-

ed Newspapers).

FRANCO OPENS OFFENSIVE ON THE CORDOBA FRONT

Following Ultimatum Demanding Surrender

No Operations In Madrid Area For The Present

Burgos, To-day.

The headquarters of General Franco sent an ultimatum yesterday afternoon at 2.40 o'clock p.m. to the population of the Republican zone, demanding the suspension of all resistance, which had now become useless, and the surrender of the Republican zone to the Nationalists.

The declaration states that the triumph of the Nationalist troops in Catalonia had been recognised by the whole world. The Republicans had lost the war and surrender become a necessity.

Nationalist Spain maintains all terms offered for the surrender of the Republican territory. Service in the Republican Army constitutes no crime nor does previous membership of Left Wing parties. In Nationalist Spain, only criminals will be punished by courts of law.

Further resistance would, however, be criminal because it would mean the further useless shedding of blood. The demands of the situation make necessary a last great offensive which nothing can hold up. Therefore, the Republican population are called upon to offer no further resistance.

The answer of General Franco to the refusal of Republican leaders to surrender territories still held by them was to begin at once the offensive that the Nationalists have been preparing for some weeks.

First attack, as shown by reports issued in Burgos yesterday was made in the southern sector of the Cordoba front in Andalusia.

The Nationalist attackers succeeded at once in carrying the Republican positions and in penetrating deeply into enemy territory at this point.

According to information received here from Madrid, announce-

ment of the beginning of the Nationalist offensive at Cordoba made a deep impression.

Inhabitants of Madrid who, after the reports of negotiations in the last few days, had counted on an early declaration of peace, gathered into groups in the streets and broke into protestations against resumption of the conflict, vehemently demanding that an end should be put to civil strife.—Trans-Ocean.

THE ADVANCE CONTINUES

Burgos, To-day.

General Franco's troops commenced an offensive in the early hours of yesterday morning on the Cordoba front.

A communique claims that the Republican lines were penetrated to a considerable depth on a wide front and the advance continues.—Reuter.

Attack Came As Surprise

Bilbao, To-day.

Resumption of the Nationalist offensive on the Andalusian front in the Cordoba sector yesterday, came as total surprise insofar as it had been assumed that the first blow would be struck against Madrid or on the Valencia front.

In Nationalist circles, satisfaction is expressed that it was possible to keep the plans of operations secret and effect a surprise by attacking at the weakest point.

The Andalusian front comprises a sector 350 kilometres long between Morena and Nevada mountain ranges and the coast.

The Nationalist attack in the Cordoba sector was preceded by a short but intensive artillery bombardment supported by the air arm.

TURKEY'S NEW TERRITORY

Istanbul, To-day.

The final incorporation of Hatay Territory, the former Sanjak of Alexandretta, into Turkey will be proclaimed on Tuesday in Antioch, according to the Ankara correspondent of "Hakit".—Trans-Ocean.

A dog belonging to Mr. Musket, of No. 2 Somerset Road, was removed to Mautaukok for observation, after it had bitten Mr. Musket's daughter Margaret.

MADRID WANTS PEACE

Madrid, To-day.

The inhabitants of the capital are still wondering why no official statement concerning peace negotiations has yet been issued.—Reuter.

BLOODLESS SURRENDER REJECTED ON FRANCO TERMS

Burgos, To-day.

The Nationalist offensive at Cordoba began after it had been ascertained that bloodless surrender of Republican territory on the terms offered by the Nationalists was not to be expected.

The Republican emissaries from the Madrid Defence Council had long conversations yesterday afternoon with the Nationalist representatives.

Late on Saturday at dusk they left by air in a snowstorm, the negotiations have proved fruitless.

In Nationalist circles, it was declared that the departure of the Republican emissaries meant that efforts to end the civil war without further recourse to arms had failed.

Nationalist circles emphasise that when he consented to try to bring the conflict to an end by negotiation, Franco was inspired by the desire to avoid a superfluous shedding of blood.

It was, however, a matter of course that the Nationalist Government had not for a moment departed from the standpoint that it was imperative to establish an unequivocal situation in Spain and to decline any arrangement that would leave the result of war in any way not clear.—Trans-Ocean.

According to latest reports, the Nationalist columns have already penetrated eight kilometres into the enemy front.—Trans-Ocean.

Family Tradition Shattered

London, To-day.

Bingham will stroke the Oxford University crew against Cambridge next Saturday in the annual boat race from Putney to Mortlake. Bourne, who has been ill recently, has been dropped.

J. L. Garton, the Oxford President, gives no reason for the change.

Bourne's father and grand-father rowed in winning Oxford Crews, thus the family tradition is broken.—Reuter.

FUNERAL OF SLOVAK FLYERS

Budapest, To-day.

Slovak flyers, killed when Slovak planes were shot down over Hungarian territory, were buried in Szobranc and Sizlogz with military honours yesterday.

At the funeral of First Lieutenant Svento, the leader of the Hungarian delegation, Captain Györfy, declared in an address that Hungarian flyers will always respectfully remember a gallant opponent.

He thereupon deposited a laurel wreath with a ribbon in the Hungarian colours bearing the inscription: "To a gallant Slovak flyer: Hungarian Flyers."

Two Hungarian planes circled over the cemetery during the funeral.—Trans-Ocean.

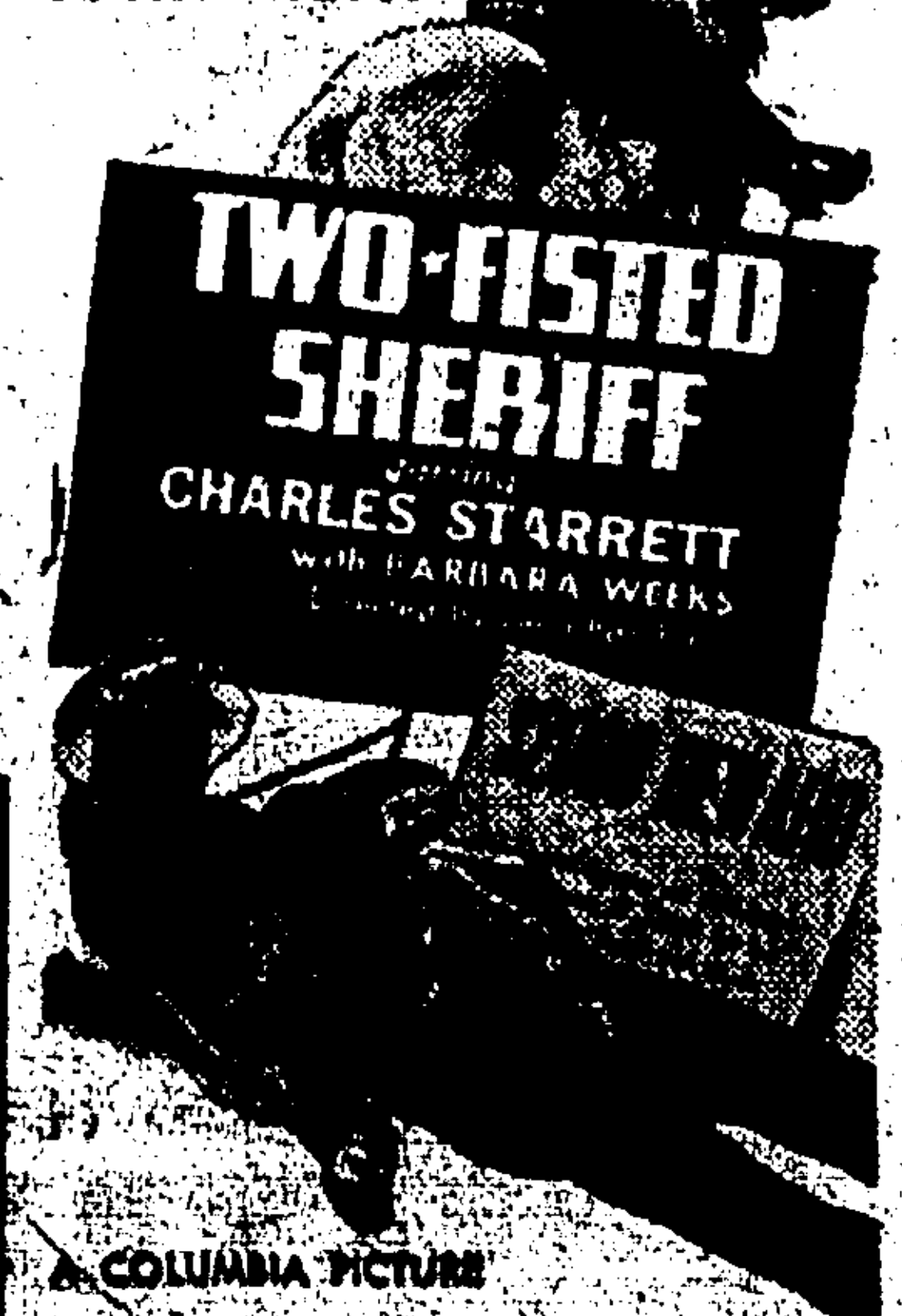
A.R.P. PASSES

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that as a result of the examination held on March 17, 21 and 22, the under-mentioned have qualified as Air Raid Warden Instructors:—Messrs. Chak Tai Kwong, Fung Yam Leung, C. F. Needham, K. S. Leung, S. Simpson, A. W. Tickle, Mr. A. da Sousa, Tsang Shiu Cheung, W. G. Griffin, A. C. Sinton, C. K. Chung, S. K. Luk;

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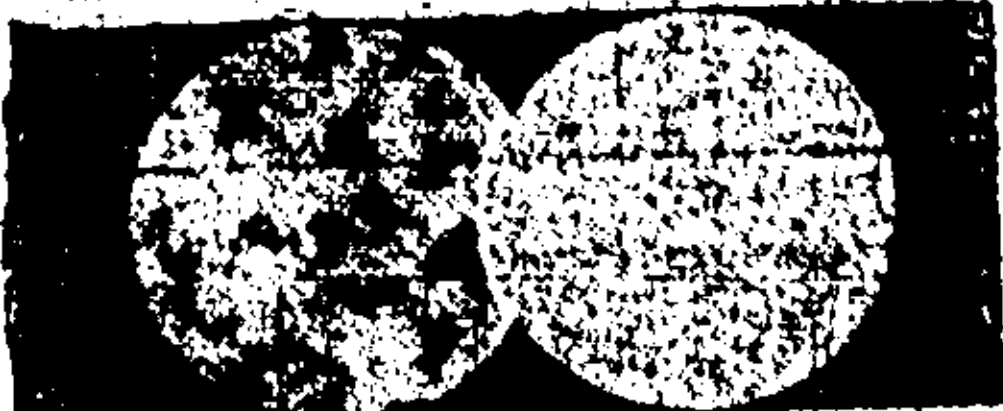
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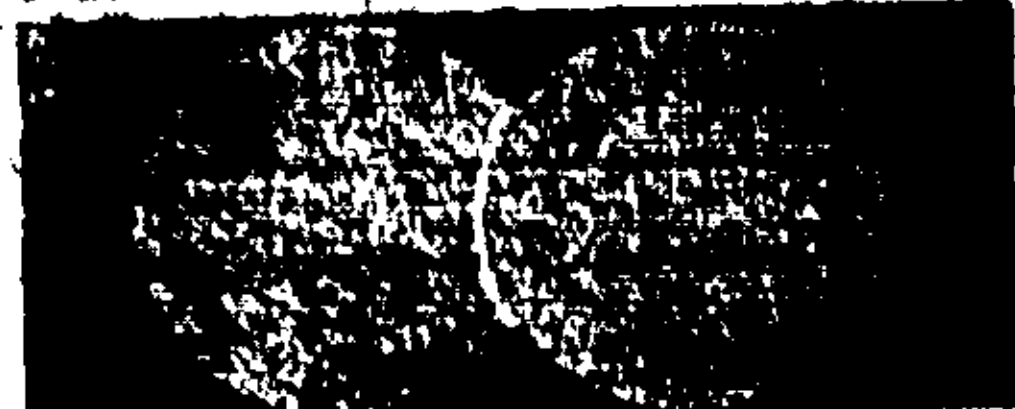
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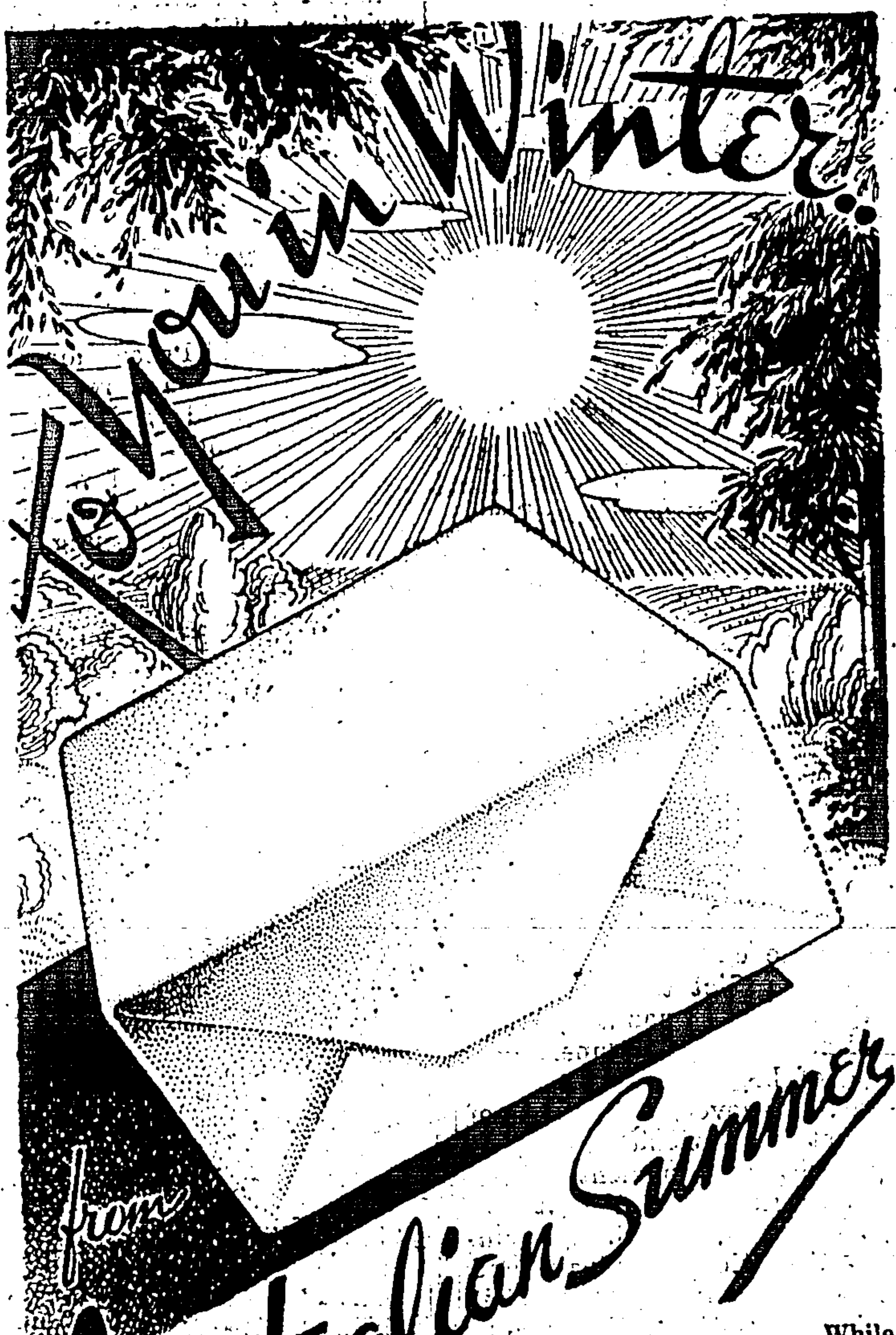
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CAUSERIE

Is British Optimism Justified? Asks Hermann Rauschnigg in "The Spectator." To-day everything is urging the German Fuehrer to war—the desperate economic situation; the complete breakdown of morale; the growing hatred against the regime; the beginnings of collapse in the State apparatus; scepticism which extends even to the highest ranks of the Party.

And there is also Germany's continuously decreasing superiority in armaments, the realisation that in a short time the period of possible expansion will be definitely over, the fact, which forces itself on every expert, that Germany's armed forces have reached the stage of progressive disintegration. All these factors operate to drive Germany to make that last great stroke which once and for all will decide the situation in favour of German hegemony.

Why the Nazi interest in Hungary? There appear to be two reasons. Firstly, Hungary is within those regions of Central Europe where Germany is desiring to extend her influence. Secondly, Hungary is one of the greatest producers in Europe, indeed in the world, of good quality wheat, and a large producer of bauxite, the raw material for aluminium.

You will have read recently in the newspapers that the Nazi party in Hungary has been dissolved. The results of this measure cannot immediately be foreseen. Indeed, the whole future of Hungary is uncertain. The Hungarians are a proud and independent people with a long national tradition, and on this account, and also because of her geographical position and because of her agricultural riches, Hungary is bound to play an important part in the development of European affairs.

Peace in Palestine depends on neither party having inflicted upon it what it will continue to feel an intolerable grievance.

The one hopeful way yet suggested of escape from the deadlock is a self-governing Jewish Palestine with guaranteed liberties inside a great Arab Federation.

The Arabs busy building up a great Arab State, comprising Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iraq, Trans-jordan, and perhaps Syria and Egypt, would have no excess of population for their vast lands outside Palestine and would have every reason to value the constructive help of Jewish intelligence and Jewish energy.

The small State of Rajkot has become a constitutional problem largely by accident, but in some form or other the elements in its disputes are bound to be repeated in almost every State.

In Jaipur, where Mr. Majaj, a

Congressman and the head of the local popular movement, has several times defied the prohibition on his entry into the State and has each time been ejected, the struggle is clearly not for more than elementary civil liberties.

This preliminary stages is inevitable, since, however widespread and sincere may be the revolt against despotisms which are rarely benevolent, it would be idle to pretend that the people of the States can step straight into a democratic, self-governing dress.

The Labour party executive appears to have made up its mind that Sir Stafford Cripps's "Popular Front" campaign is a nettle to be grasped firmly. In a fresh declaration of policy the executive announces its determination to exclude from the party any organisation or individual which joins Sir Stafford's movement.

The effect of the policy of the firm grasp is yet to be seen. The nettle is rather a big one, and the effort of the executive may weaken the party rather than uproot the nettle.

Political and Economic Planning's report on the Location of Industry, just published, is a comprehensive study of the present pattern of Britain's industries and towns. This report comes just when everyone is waiting expectantly for the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Geographical Distribution of the Industrial Population, which will shortly express its opinions about the very problems covered by P.E.P.s survey.

One of the chief merits of P.E.P.s inquiry is to establish the fact that the problem of industrial location is not an isolated segment of economic policy that can be chipped off for individual examination. Location can only be fundamentally altered after reforms as vast as a complete overhaul of central and local government, and a fundamental re-examination of the whole system of national and local taxation.

Mr. Rublee, cast for the role of Moses, has succeeded in obtaining a few concessions from Pharaoh's hardness of heart.

The German Government's proposals, which have resulted from Mr. Rublee's negotiations, first with Dr. Schacht and subsequently with Dr. Wohltat, if they are carried out, will mark a new stage in the refugee exodus. The crux of the proposals is to find countries in which the larger ordered emigration may be settled. The German Government demands of the other Powers that they shall take an active part in solving the problem which it has created. The execution of the plan is dependent on some manifest proof of their co-operation.

The strategic re-shuffling of Europe has made the necessity for large-scale military intervention on the Continent by British man-power inevitable in any future war; and, bearing in mind the quite reasonable possibility that home-defence forces may in the event need to be strengthened by Regular units at present included in the potential Field Force, we cannot regard the earmarked nineteen divisions, say 250,000 men, as a sufficient expeditionary force, even at the outset.

Plans For Emigration Of 400,000 Jews From Germany

NOT AFFECTED BY EVENTS OF LAST FORTNIGHT

London, To-day.

Conversations which recently took place in Berlin between Mr. George Rublee, director of the Evian committee on refugees, and German officials, were referred to in a speech by the chairman of the committee, Lord Winterton, who said the statement on emigration of refugees from Germany offered so much hope that it would be possible to continue the conversations.

They would not be ended by the deplorable events of the last fortnight.

FORMATION OF NON-PARTY GOVERNMENT URGED

London, To-day.

The immediate formation of a non-party Government on the widest possible basis was urged by Mr. Anthony Eden, when, speaking at Grimsby, he said that the Government should have a two-fold purpose, firstly, the regimentation of Britain's industry, wealth and manpower in order to put forward the maximum military effort in the shortest possible time, and secondly, the adoption of a vigorous foreign policy by uniting the peace-loving nations to resist further acts of aggression, as Lord Halifax, the Foreign Minister, appeared to foreshadow last Monday.

—Reuter.

GERMAN RIGHTS IN SLOVAKIA

Bratislava, Yesterday. State Secretary Karmasin, leader of the German minority in Slovakia, presented to the Premier, Dr. Tiso on Friday the draft of a bill defining the status of the German minority in Slovakia.

Dr. Tiso and two of his Cabinet Ministers gave approval to this bill which is expected to become law during the next few days.

All Czech military and police units stationed in Slovakia were disarmed yesterday and will be sent back to Czechia without delay. —Trans-Ocean.

Although he was not at liberty to give full details, it could be said that the statement contemplates an orderly migration spread over five years of 150,000 able bodied and 250,000 dependent non-Aryans in Germany.

A fund with German and one non-German trustees would be formed, consisting of ten percent. of Jewish wealth in Germany to enable these persons to migrate and equip themselves to some extent for settlement.

In addition, the statement contemplates that some international body should be formed on a reasonable economic basis who would raise a sum of money to loan or grant money for Jewish settlement overseas in supplement of the effect produced by the fund raised in Germany.

INTERNAL FUND

The internal German Jewish fund would find passage money and equipment for settlement, and the international fund would pay further cost of settlements.

Individuals who first came out would repay money as they earned sufficient in their new home to do so to both funds, thus enabling further refugees to leave.

The statement, he added, suggested reasonable treatment of persons awaiting emigration in Germany and the absence of molestation of old and infirm persons. —British Wireless.

DAYLIGHT RAID BY GANGSTERS IN KOWLOON

A DARING DAYLIGHT ROBBERY WAS CARRIED OUT IN SHANGHAI STREET THIS MORNING BY A LARGE BAND OF ARMED ROBBERS.

At about 10.30, five or six men entered a goldsmith's shop at 505, Shanghai Street, in the guise of customers and asked to see some bangles and rings which were on view in a show case.

While they were being attended to, one of the men held up the master of the shop whilst the others all



The King and Queen visited the National Institute of the Blind in Great Portland Street, London, on March 16 and witnessed the various activities of the institute. Photo shows a charming picture of the Queen on arriving at the Institute. (Air Mail).

produced revolvers.

The premises were ransacked and although no reliable estimate is as yet available, it is believed that jewellery of considerable value was removed by the men, who made good their escape.

The police were summoned and investigations are being conducted under the supervision of Mr. G. S. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

There were no injuries and no arrests have as yet been made.

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HONG KONG.

DIVIDEND DISCUSSION AT DOCK COMPANY

Conservative Non-Opportunist Policy Needed

Directors Supported At Annual Meeting

"In order to give the Dock Company its proper place amongst the sound and stable industrial investments of the Colony, a conservative non-opportunist policy is obligatory to-day and, although the adoption of it appears to have once more plunged some shareholders into the mists of disappointment, it is, in the considered judgment of your Board, the only course," said the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, chairman, replying to certain criticisms regarding the small proportion of profits distributed in dividends for 1938, at the annual ordinary meeting of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., held this morning.

The chairman said:—

The figures which your Board have the pleasure to put before you have had our most serious consideration. The year commenced with nearly all our typhoon repairs completed, the exception being the "Talamba" which did not leave our hands until the 15th March, 1938.

The improvement which we anticipated, and to which I referred in my speech last year, was greater than we expected and the gross profit of \$2,121,023.04 is the largest we have ever earned by work, for in our best previous year, namely 1921, we were helped by exchange fluctuations which worked out to our advantage. The net profit is \$1,005,471.92 and shows the effect of new construction in that it is less than might be expected, while stocks of material which are reduced from \$3,221,261.27 to \$2,519,379.11 are likewise governed by the new work in hand and are at values less than replacement prices.

Depreciation is on the usual basis and is considered ample.

OVERDRAFT DOWN

You will observe with pleasure, I trust, that, due partly to your support of the new issue, the overdraft is down by \$2,286,268.32 on last year, but nevertheless is still substantial.

During 1938 we brought our giant crane into full use and it has fully justified its purchase and erection.

We also purchased a large lath which has been installed in a temporary site until it can be transferred to the new heavy machine shop which I referred to last year. The heavy shop is still under construction at this date but should be ready for use by the end of 1939.

During the year we completed 17 new ships with a total tonnage of 11,643.

Last year I referred to the fact that we had orders for five Diesel engines. Our first Diesel engine ran its shop trials on the 13th May, 1938, and was installed in the Motor Vessel "Mamutu" which left Hong Kong in June. Our second and third engines were installed in the Motor ship "Matafele" which was delivered to her Owners, Messrs. Burns Philp and Co., Ltd. in November 1938. Two more engines for these Owners are shortly due for delivery and I would like to thank Messrs. Burns Philp and their Superintendent, Mr. Corrigan, for the trust they placed in us in this new branch of our activities.

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TWO STEAMERS DELIVERED

Two steamers of importance were delivered during the year, the "Wing Sang" and "Tai Sang" for our esteemed clients, the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. These ships were each fitted with four cylinder triple expansion engines with Gotaverken Exhaust Turbines, giving the vessels a loaded speed of 14½ knots. Of a distinctive and shapely appearance we believe that these ships will bring us nothing but credit. This considerable amount of new tonnage has given plenty of work to our staff, while at the same time, we have not experienced what we had come to regard as normal, a slack summer period for repair work.

Mr. Cock spent September, October and a part of November in Europe and took the opportunity to call on our clients there, renewing and refreshing personal contacts made by him in 1935. The heavy calls made on our Staff have received the usual ready and skilful response from them and we trust the special recognition we ask you to make will have your approval.

I have of course read the anonymous correspondence in our local papers expressing disappointment at the small proportion of our earnings which the Board recommend should be distributed in dividends and bonus. I have also had a letter from a shareholder expressing similar views on behalf of himself and other shareholders, a method of criticism infinitely preferable to anonymous letters to the Press, to which for obvious reasons we cannot reply.

APPROPRIATION QUESTION

The views of shareholders are of course at all times welcome to the Board, and I hasten to assure them that the question of appropriation on this occasion has had more consideration than perhaps it ever had before. The Board appreciates only too well the sacrifice made by shareholders in 1935, and have every reason to believe that that sacrifice will prove eventually not to have been made in vain. At the same time when we reflect upon the uncertainty of the outlook in 1935—only 3 years ago—it is surely too soon at the beginning of 1939 to permit ourselves to be carried away by the results of two abnormal years' trading. For these two last years must be considered as coming within that category.

One of the great difficulties the Management has always had in the past and which I fear they always will have, is to keep our work on an even keel. Only too often it has been a case of feasts alternating with famines, and invariably the more sumptuous the feast, the more severe the famine. What we all want I am sure, is a steady return on our investments one that is fair alike to our shareholders and our clients, and which, in time, will give the Dock Company its proper place amongst the sound and stable industrial investments of the Colony. To attain that end a conservative non-opportunist policy is obligatory to-day, and although the adoption of it appears to have once more plunged some shareholders into the mists of disappointment, it is, in the considered judgment of your Board, the only course, if these mists are ever to be dispelled by the

continuous sunshine of regular dividends.

SHANGHAI INSECURITY

We must bear in mind that during the last two years there has been a certain amount of insecurity in Shanghai where the Yards have been working under very considerable hardships; while, at the same time, the vast shipbuilding and engineering resources of Japan have mainly been occupied in satisfying national requirements. When things return to normal, we must expect to feel the embarrassing effects of their activities, especially from Shanghai if China's national dollar remains at its present level. Prudence therefore demands that we conserve our resources, always keeping it within our power, without again dangerously increasing our overdraft, to improve our equipment and facilities, and keep ourselves in the forefront. Under our present Chief Manager and with our lively recollections of several years of difficulty, you may rest assured that, in this respect, no extravagance will be permitted, but only such improvements as make for economy, efficiency and the enhancement of our reputation in the eyes of shipowners.

When the earning power of these improvements, some of which I have already mentioned, has been established, the Board will undoubtedly give careful consideration to the capitalization of the reserves thus employed. They regard this method of compensating shareholders for their past sacrifices as a sounder one than the distribution of large dividends during abnormal years, which cannot be maintained, and I trust therefore it may prove feasible in the not too distant future.

CAUTIOUS POLICY

From the point of view, also, of the obscurity surrounding the Eastern situation and international affairs generally, your Directors recommend a cautious policy and therefore while we have every reason to be well satisfied with the remarkable progress made since 1935, I earnestly ask you, for the reasons I have given, to approve the allocations proposed by your Board.

CONFESSED "AUTHOR"

In seconding the proposal, Mr. G. V. T. Marshall said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It may appear somewhat paradoxical for me to rise to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts for 1938 when I confess that I am the author of two letters which appeared in the South China Morning Post under the pseudonym of "Investment," and, therefore, am privileged to accept the Chairman's very mild rebuke for so writing to the Press.

Informally discussing these two letters with Mr. Cock, some doubt was expressed of my willingness to second this Resolution, but in reply I stated I should be particularly pleased to and thus have the opportunity of expressing the views of the several shareholders who have approached me recently.

If I may have a little of your time I will very briefly outline my attitude towards the Company.

Ever since this Company was reorganised and placed in the hands of our Chief Manager, so ably supported by Mr. Hosie, the public has had the greatest confidence in the Company, and my confidence is strengthened by a casual remark made to me by Mr. Cock when that reorganisation had been completed. Mr. Cock said: "If I can't make the Company pay I will eat my hat." As, apparently, Mr. Cock does not appear to have eaten his hat, there is no reason for anyone to lose confidence in the future of the Company, irrespective of when, and what, competition eventually may have to be faced.

NOT SO PESSIMISTIC

But to revert to those two letters I addressed to the Press under the cloak of anonymity, I sincerely hope they did not cause any offence to the Directors or in any way insinuate that I was trying to indicate a want of confidence in those Directors. If it is felt that I did, I can but apologise and, if so desired, would willingly call for a vote of confidence. I have great faith in the Directors myself, but I did, and do still, feel that a more generous consideration of shareholders was justified on the figures for 1938. I fully appreciate that Reserves must and should be built up, but I do not perhaps take such a pessimistic view of the

SOVIET CENSUS FIGURES

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Union has a population of 170,126,000 according to a census taken in January, the results of which were published yesterday.

The population was 147,000,000 in 1926 and 165,000,000 in 1933.—Trans-Ocean.

future as, apparently, the Directors do. It is obvious that the Company cannot make a profit unless it is sufficiently and suitably employed, but the amount of such employment to show a satisfactory year is a very different one to what was required before the reorganisation of the Company.

It may be impertinent to venture to express an opinion, but I believe and hope the Company is in a much more efficient state than it has been for some years and, that being so, it therefore follows that the necessary employment of the Company to show results must be correspondingly easier to obtain.

THE CARRY FORWARD

Many shareholders of to-day are very dependent on Dividends from Investments and they, not unnaturally, want as big a dividend as is possible to get, but I hope none would urge the Directors to adopt a policy without thought of the future, and, conversely, few would endorse what I may perhaps be permitted to describe as the too conservative policy which some of us think has been adopted towards 1938. If instead of carrying forward to 1939 \$373,107 odd, a little more thought for the shareholders had been given, a general disappointment would not have been created. And, here, it is opportune for me to disassociate myself entirely with any remarks on the relationship of the amount paid in Dividends and or Bonus and the amount paid as Bonus to the Staff. Such comparisons are odious. It is the Staff we looked to for successful years and I should like to feel that when we reach those gloomy years, when a Dividend cannot be declared, days the Directors may see but which I cannot, the Company will never be unable to give tangible appreciation of the efforts of the Staff, even if shareholders may have to forego a Dividend.

I have exchanged letters with the Chairman regarding the distribution of the amount available for 1938, and now am satisfied nothing can be done to alter the distribution as has been included in the Report for 1938, but I would reiterate that I do feel Shareholders have but to express their disappointment with a declared Dividend to ensure both the sympathetic consideration of your Directors, and if it be possible, in one way or another, a more liberal distribution as far as concerns 1939.

A REMINDER

If the experience the Chairman has been taught since 1933, as expressed in his speech at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, and repeated, in part, by a shareholder at the Meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., expressed in this one sentence: "the best course is to go ahead just as if no uncertainties exist," a remark equally applicable to the direction of this Company, if that has not been forgotten, surely Shareholders reasonably may look forward to more liberal consideration in the immediate future. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. D. F. Landale were confirmed, and Messrs. J. H. Jansen and S. T. Williamson, re-elected directors, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth Fleming and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

News Snack Bar



The Duchess of Kent has accepted from Mr. Pelham F. Dean of Amersham, Bucks, gifts in yew wood for her children. Mr. Dean is famous throughout the world for his wood turning—he is an expert craftsman—and examples of his work have graced many famous ships. He has helped to make the furniture for important personages, including royalty. Photo shows Mr. Dean with a display of his woodcraft.

MEDALS FOR 2,250,000 CHILDREN

Every one of Canada's 2,250,000 school children will be given a bronze medallion this summer as a souvenir of the royal visit. Similar medallions will be on sale at all Canadian post offices.

SIX-HOUR CARNIVAL REVOLT

While Lima, capital of Peru, was preparing for the annual Shrove Tuesday carnival, rifle fire started at dawn round the presidential palace. Police headed by the Minister of the Interior, General Antonio Rodriguez, had attempted a revolt. Six hours later the revolt was over, and Rodriguez was dead.

Peru once had a population of nearly 8,000,000 under Inca rule. Most of this population died or were massacred under the Spanish rule from the early sixteenth century. Now the population consists of about 3,500,000 discontented, impoverished, mixed races, about 10 per cent. white, 60 per cent. Indian, and the rest made up of mixed blood, including Asiatic and African. Revolutions are common, and accomplish little.

MIXED VARIETY.

"CRAZY" COMEDY

Title: "Let's All Go Down the Strand."

Theatre: Adelphi.

George Black finds the solution of the theatre problem in the twice-nightly system which he has now applied to the famous house in the Strand.

The entertainment he offers consists partly of variety, partly of comedy of the "crazy" type, and partly of that style of revue labelled Parisian, in which one is allowed glimpses of beautiful females clad largely in their natural dignity.

NEW "ARMY" POST

Colonel Mary Booth, niece of General Eva Booth, has been appointed to command the Salvation Army in Belgium, with headquarters in Brussels. Hitherto Belgium has been attached to Paris H.Q.

BRITAIN'S OWN MAGINOT LINE

Gen. Sir Walter Kirke, Director-General of the Territorial Army, in a broadcast speech, said that the fate of the British Empire would not be decided in the basements of Britain but by men who had the courage to face danger in the open.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts:
Police-Constable at Highgate: I told the driver of the lorry that he would be reported for obstruction. He said: "I did not know I was going to be as long. This comes through drinking your tea out of the cup."

Speedster at Ealing: I have no speedo and it is difficult to do mental arithmetic on a motor-bicycle.

Defendant at Willesden: I'm married and consequently it follows that I have no money.

WOMEN SAID "NO" TO BLACK MARIA

Five women hawkers arrested at Ilfordlane, Ilford, Essex, where street hawking is banned, refused to enter a "Black Maria."

The police compromised, and after placing the women's baskets in the "Black Maria" walked behind the women who marched triumphantly behind the van.

A crowd followed, whistling and jeering.

When the police arrived, men hawkers dropped their baskets and ran, but the women stood their ground.

L.C.C. AND HIGHER FARES

The London County Council have engaged counsel to uphold their objections to the applications of the four main line railway companies and the London Passenger Transport Board to the Railway Rates Tribunal for an increase of about 5 per cent. in standard maximum charges in the London Passenger Transport area.

We to-day have our Maginot Line, "he said, "but it is not an affair of dugouts, wire, and concrete; it is formed by the fighting aircraft, the searchlights, guns and balloons of the coast and air defences of Great Britain.

"It is manned for the most part by volunteers of the Territorial Army and the Auxiliary Air Force, who are discharging their great trust with admirable enthusiasm and efficiency."

In the last crisis it was the units of the Anti-Aircraft Defences which alone were embodied. This might not be the case on any future occasion.

"The forces of our Empire, like a good football team, must preserve a just balance between attack and defence," continued Sir Walter. "A.R.P. is the goalkeeper, and we want the best we can get, though we have to pay a transfer fee which would make even Arsenal hesitate.

"But the best of goalkeepers cannot keep out an uninterrupted stream of shots. The Anti-Aircraft Defences are the full backs, whose duty it is to prevent accurate shooting.

"We require half-backs and forwards to carry the game into the enemy's half, and keep it there as far as possible. That is the best defence, for, in that case, our goalkeeper will not be too severely tested.

"This offensive-defensive role is played by the Field Army, Regular and Territorial, and by the Royal Air Force, sustained as always by the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine.

"I am old enough to remember the criticism directed against the youth of this country in the years before 1914, that they were pleasure-loving, soft and effete. Experience in the war completely disproved those slanders, and foreigners who do not understand us would be ill advised to rely too much on any signs of decadence which they may profess to see to-day."



ORIENTAL POMP & SPLENDOR AT INDIAN PRINCE'S WEDDING. — Scene at the wedding of Shri Yuvaraj Rajbir Singh Sahib Bahadur, heir apparent of Jind State, to the daughter of Nawab Sardar Umrad Singh, Chief of Manauli at Sangrur (Jind) and at Ambala. Jind is one of the most important Sikh states in the Punjab and guests included many Maharajahs besides leading Civil and Military officers. The wedding and ceremonies lasted three days and was carried out with all the pomp and splendour of the East. Photo shows how the bridegroom (on horse) left his Palace to attend the marriage durbar at Sangrur.

THESE FOUR SISTERS WED FOUR BROTHERS

Four of the five daughters of Mrs. Clayton, of Tillingham Hall Farm, East Houndon, near Brentwood (Essex), are called Mrs. Ovel. They married four brothers.

In the Georgian dining room of 200-year-old Wordsley Manor, Worcestershire, home of Mr. Eldon Firmstone, is a full-size cinema organ. And upstairs is an up-to-date

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Real bombs instead of dummy ones will be used in an "air attack" to test new anti-air-raid measures adopted by Paris Municipal Council. One of the oldest parts of Paris, condemned last year, a place where no one lives except a few beggars, will be demolished.

miniature "talkie" cinema, where Mr. Firmstone shows films made in his own studio.

Eighty years ago, doctors said a Devonshire girl had only two years to live. The girl, now Mrs. Sarah May, of Wyndham-road, Salisbury, recently celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday. She recalls the lying-in-state of the Duke of Wellington and once travelled from Devonshire to London by stage-coach.

COUNT CIANO'S FATHER

Count Costanzo Ciano, father of the Italian Foreign Minister, has been named President of the new Chamber of Fasces and Corporations. It was officially announced in Rome yesterday.



OXFORD UNIVERSITY ROWING GIRLS BEAT CAMBRIDGE
Everyone knows that each year Oxford and Cambridge crews meet on the Thames for the famous University Boat Race, but few know that the girls of the same Universities hold a boat race as well. This year the Oxford girls were triumphant and celebrated accordingly. "Beer for the Victors" was ordered in the dining hall. (A. M. H.)

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WHAT is going on behind the closed doors of Europe's chambers of commerce is only a matter for speculation. What plans and ambitions may be locked up in the minds of that handful of men is even more obscure. But certain it is that around council tables in Berlin, in Rome, in Paris and in London the pattern of the immediate future has already been drawn—the fateful decisions that might spell war or peace in the spring of 1939 are in the making. And in reaching these decisions, it is equally certain that the relative strength of aerial armament is one of the most potent controlling factors.

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Not, however, that air strength alone provides all the answers—not by the conventional "jugful." Men and guns ashore, ships and big guns at sea, and the unremitting application of economic pressures still remain the basic tools of conquest and subjugation. In spite of a certain amount of experimental research in China and in Ethiopia and in Spain, none of us knows yet the real strength of this winged weapon that we now hold in our hands. We are only beginning to realize that it is one of the most powerful ever forged and we are beginning to suspect that it is double-edged—that it may be an extremely dangerous one to invoke against well-fledged opponents, for even the most modern defensive measures against retaliatory air attacks are embryonic at best. As Colonel Lindbergh said in a speech in Berlin over two years ago: "We in aviation carry a heavy responsibility. . . . We have stripped the armour of every nation in war. . . . We can no longer protect our families with an army. . . . Every institution which we value most is laid open to bombardment."

What might actually happen at the onset of a first-rate war is a matter of the greatest concern in every European capital to-day, a problem of immediate interest to everyone from top ranking politician down to the humblest householder. The pessimistically inclined see their cities and their citizens blasted and gassed out of existence in a matter of a few hours. The optimists reassure themselves with talk of balloon barrages, antiaircraft guns and protective cordons of interceptor fighters. But whatever shade of opinion is held by the tactical expert or by the man-in-the-street, both are anxiously scanning the skies. They know that when attack comes it will come from the air. They know also that their defence must also be in the air.

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Theories will be proved or discounted only by the final tests of actual combat between ranking powers. But during this period of preliminary sparring and feinting,

it is obviously of considerable importance to study the elements that make up air power and to appraise (as far as is possible under present circumstances) the probable strength of nations in the air with respect to their probable opponents.

In considering any "facts and figures" that appear below, it should be understood that they are simply one observer's opinion of the aviation situation abroad as of the beginning of 1939. The author has made two surveys of "aeronautical Europe" in the past two years, one in 1936 in England, Holland, France, and Germany, and the second in October, November, and December of '38, covering the same ground but including also a look at Italy.

In the course of the two trips the principal research and experiment station of England, Germany, France and Italy have been visited and inspections made of the larger airplane and engine factories of the several countries as follows: England 10, Holland 2, Germany 6, France 4, Italy 6. Although actual coverage of the existing aviation industries in these countries was not complete (some plants being closed to visitors for obvious reasons), yet the plants visited were representative, and my own observations (backed up with information collected from other reasonably reliable sources) have yielded a fair cross-section of conditions as they probably exist.

As an example of the sort of thing that can happen when air forces are measured in numbers alone, consider the case of France. For the 10 years following the war of 1914-18, France had without question the strongest military aviation in Europe. Even into the middle 1930's she was credited with an air force of upward of 4,000 machines. But things have been happening behind the scenes in France which have undermined her position as an air power to the extent that in less than five years she has slipped from first to fifth position in relative strength. Her equipment lists may still show a large number of machines, but many of them are obsolete, more are unserviceable, and her supporting manufacturing industries have fallen into a deplorable state. It seems probable that had the Munich meeting ended in a declaration of war in September, the French could have mustered fewer than 1,000 fighting machines. At that time it is known that the manufacturing industries were producing at a rate of only 60 to 70 airplanes per month, while the German factories were averaging close to 500 units a month. Therein, of course, lies the clue to the great French interest in purchasing aircraft in the United States that has come to light recently.

Quality of equipment takes into account not only the structural excellence of machines, the proper usage of suitable materials, and the ability

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service conditions in States, or through the establishment of great semi-military organizations like the National Socialist Flying Corps (NSFK) in Germany, or the Royal National Aeronautical Union (Runa) in Italy, whose function it is to supervise, subsidize, and militarize all flying activities in the country outside of the organized air force. One result of such organizations in Italy and in Germany has been the complete elimination of private flying in those countries, a situation which America must strive to avoid in setting up its own training programmes.

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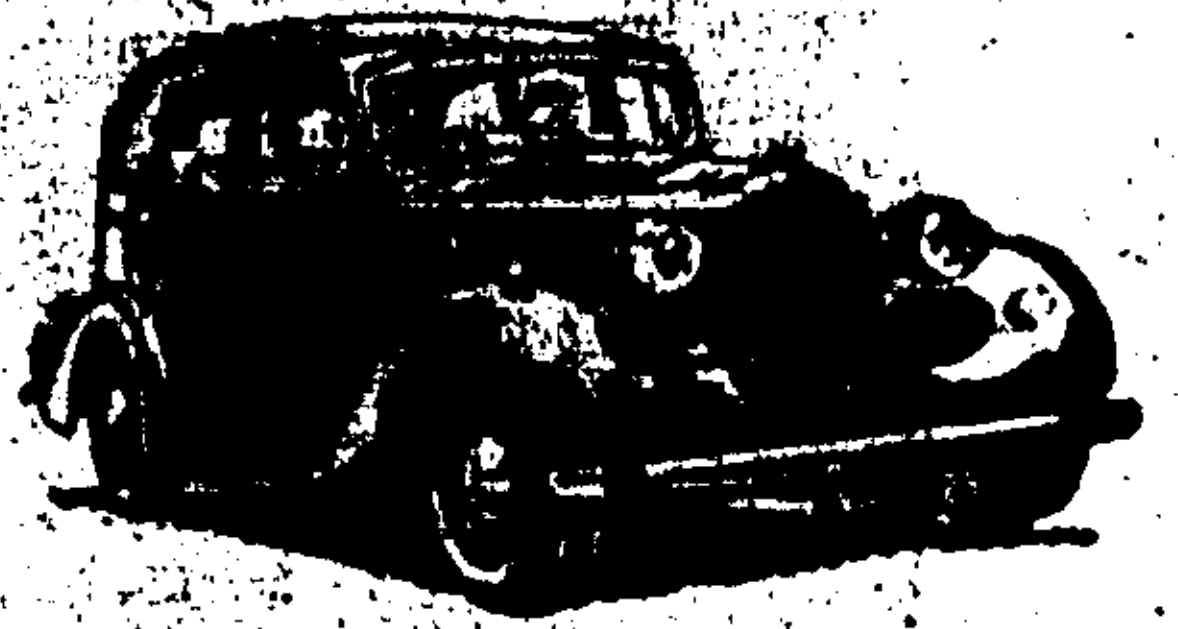
In the table below, Great Britain has been given a morale rating of 6 as against 10 for Germany, not because the Royal Air Force is considered inferior to the German Luftwaffe, collectively or individually, but more to indicate that, under present circumstances, the probabilities of breakdown of the British aircraft manufacturing industry through strikes (and for other reasons) is considerably greater than the likelihood of such breakdowns in the completely totalitarian Third Reich. For the same reason, people of the United States cannot rate themselves any higher than Great Britain. France, on the other hand, must be given a low morale rating because of extremely uncertain social and industrial conditions which have already hamstrung her aircraft production. As for the Soviet Union, although it is as totalitarian as Germany and Italy in its industrial organization, yet from what is known of the general efficiency and of the

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"Massage for round the eyes needs much delicacy, as skin there most sensitive and easily stretched part

of face.

"Work from outer corners in towards nose, with little circular movements of third finger.

"Use good skin food, muscle oil or eye cream.

"Don't forget lids—look like dead leaves if neglected.

"For puffy eyes, or pouches under (sometimes rather interesting looking!) work rich muscle oil well in. Leave on thickly, then put cotton wool pads soaked in mildly astringent tonic water over both eyes, lie down for a bit. This is grand.

"Can now buy inexpensively, bandlettes of herbs to soak in warm water or milk and place on eyes. Very soothing when you have five spare minutes.

"Close eyes for few minutes rest once or twice a day.

"Eye shadow should be darkest at roots of lashes and fade off gradually over eyelids.

"Are you type to wear light or dark shadow — or both?

"Dark ones may make you look



—Relax with cotton-wool pads soaked in lotion on the eyes.

tired. Lovely blues and violets, clever green for tweeds, gold and silver for evening, or blues and greens flecked with gold or silver, to give eyes brilliant dancing look.

"Pluck eyebrows only slightly to tidy own shape. Pencil lightly with greyish-brown or greyish-black, and brush into line after.

"Vaseline on eyelash roots at bed time if continual use of mascara makes eyelashes brittle; it nourishes and keeps them soft.

"Brush them up into curve when applying mascara, and comb them so that they don't clog or clot.

"Try blue green or dark navy instead of always black."

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Professor Grabble took a crumplet and observed rather proudly:—

"I use Optrex myself. That's the name of the wonderful eye bath you've got to remember."

"Then I'm doing all right?" I asked.

And then he urged me to tell you a great deal more. Things I hadn't realised myself until he told me.

He made me passionately want to persuade you what a deadly serious thing it is to look after your eyes.

The human eye was evolved thousands of years ago for people who lived out of doors and did their seeing by daylight. What doesn't it have to adapt itself to now?

The average adult eye is at work about sixteen hours a day.

It isn't till you turn on an electric light in the middle of a fine summer morning that you realise how pitiful it is compared to daylight.

The muscles of the eyes feel strain and fatigue like other muscles, but all day long our eyes are the only part of the body that we never relax.

Their lenses have to readjust themselves continually by their delicate, complicated mechanism for focusing (one after another in lightning flashes) something near, something far, something in between, moving, tiny.

They are never allowed to stay put!

The professor said to me:

"Of all the knowledge the five senses bring the average person, it is commonly calculated that 85 per cent comes from the eyes. You

could calculate that in business millions of pounds are lost by weakening eyesight, and as to human enjoyment—who can assess what is lost there?"

"I know," I agreed, "people treat their eyes as casually as though they could be replaced like an electric light bulb."

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By now Professor Grabble was thoroughly worked up.

"Would you like some more figures?" he asked.

"Authorities allow that 80 per cent. of the body's muscular activity is due to the impulses received through the eye, and that 25 per cent. of our physical energy—think of it, a whole quarter! — is burned up through the exercise of our power of seeing."

"No wonder people get headaches and jittering nerves from eyestrain," I said awestruck, "and with all that, the concentrated work in offices, the exacting recreations like motoring or tennis or the cinema, the strain of even taking a walk with traffic jumping at you and neon lights flashing, people don't bother to get an oculist to check over their eyes."

"If they do wear glasses they don't bother to have those checked even at the reasonable interval of every two or three years."

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In spite of almost working your eyes to a standstill, you generally expect them to recover their brightness with perhaps just a few minutes' relaxation and a dash with cold water.

You expect too much.

There's a remedy I know of, however, that does act in a few minutes if you have an unexpected date. Its name is Gaygleme, and it not only freshens but brightens tired eyes almost immediately.

You drop a spot of it into the corner of each eye and gently massage it in with the eyelid.

Do I seem to have strayed from the subject of beauty now that I'm begging you to give your eyes even 10 per cent. of expert attention you'd give to a car?

But tired eyes, eyes strained through working in a poor light or too close to the focused object, eyes chafed by tiny particles of dust, eyes aching for lack of attention—these are not lovely eyes.

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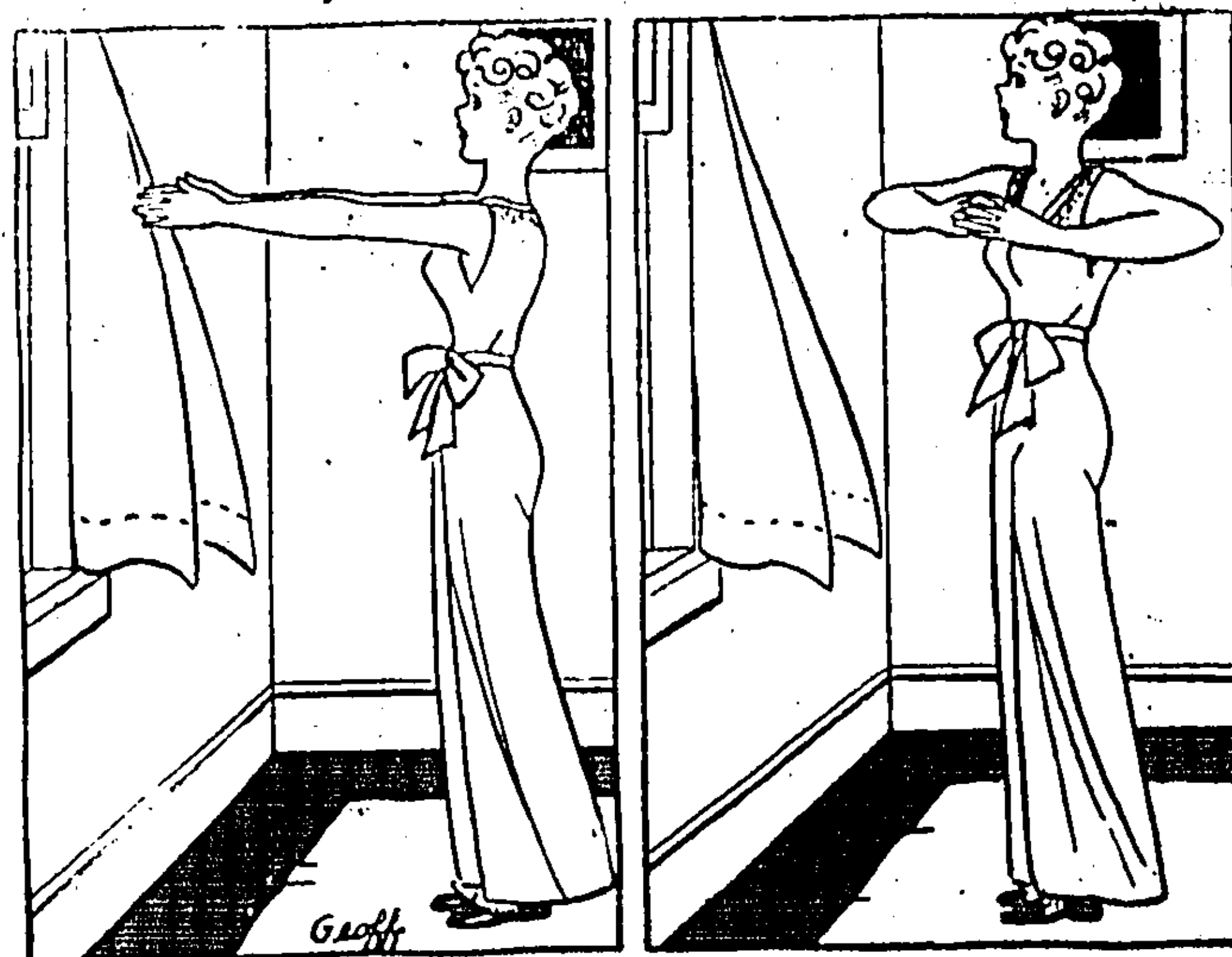
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If it is a man, or men, you are wanting to please, take a stern inventory of your speaking habits! For there is no doubt about it, men simply adore a soft cultured voice and they simply loathe coarse speech from the tongue of their ladies fair!

A lovely voice with smooth tones, contributes greatly to any woman's charm, and if what she has to say is expressed simply in good grammar and thoughtful phrasing, she possesses one of the greatest assets of personal allure!

Cup your hands behind your ears and talk to yourself. By so doing you may determine whether your voice tones are flat or strident or too weak. Perhaps they are pitched too low or too high—you can judge candidly if you have a mind to. For a better test seek out one of these new machines which records your voice for a quarter and will play it back to you from a victrola type of arrangement. And be prepared for a shock! For it will be difficult to recognise your own voice!

Slovenly speech, naturally is not

condoned in this day of exquisite manners. You should avoid all questionable slang, and enunciate in clear, lilting tones. Try lifting your voice one-half pitch and read from a well-written book. There is much to the rhythm of speaking—get an interesting "swing" into your words as you do your dancing steps. The French, of course, are masters of "swing" in speech, and we would do well to imitate them to a degree. The next time you are watching a good play pay particular attention to the intonation the actors put into what they have to say. A sentence may be a flirting sentence, or it may be stern and commanding. It is all in the way you speak it.

Of course, I urge you to take voice lessons if you possibly can afford them, and if there is a reliable teacher in your vicinity. But if you cannot, save your pennies and buy a book on speech which, if simply written, will help you greatly.

To improve your voice and to master versatility in tone learn to

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By MARY BLAKE

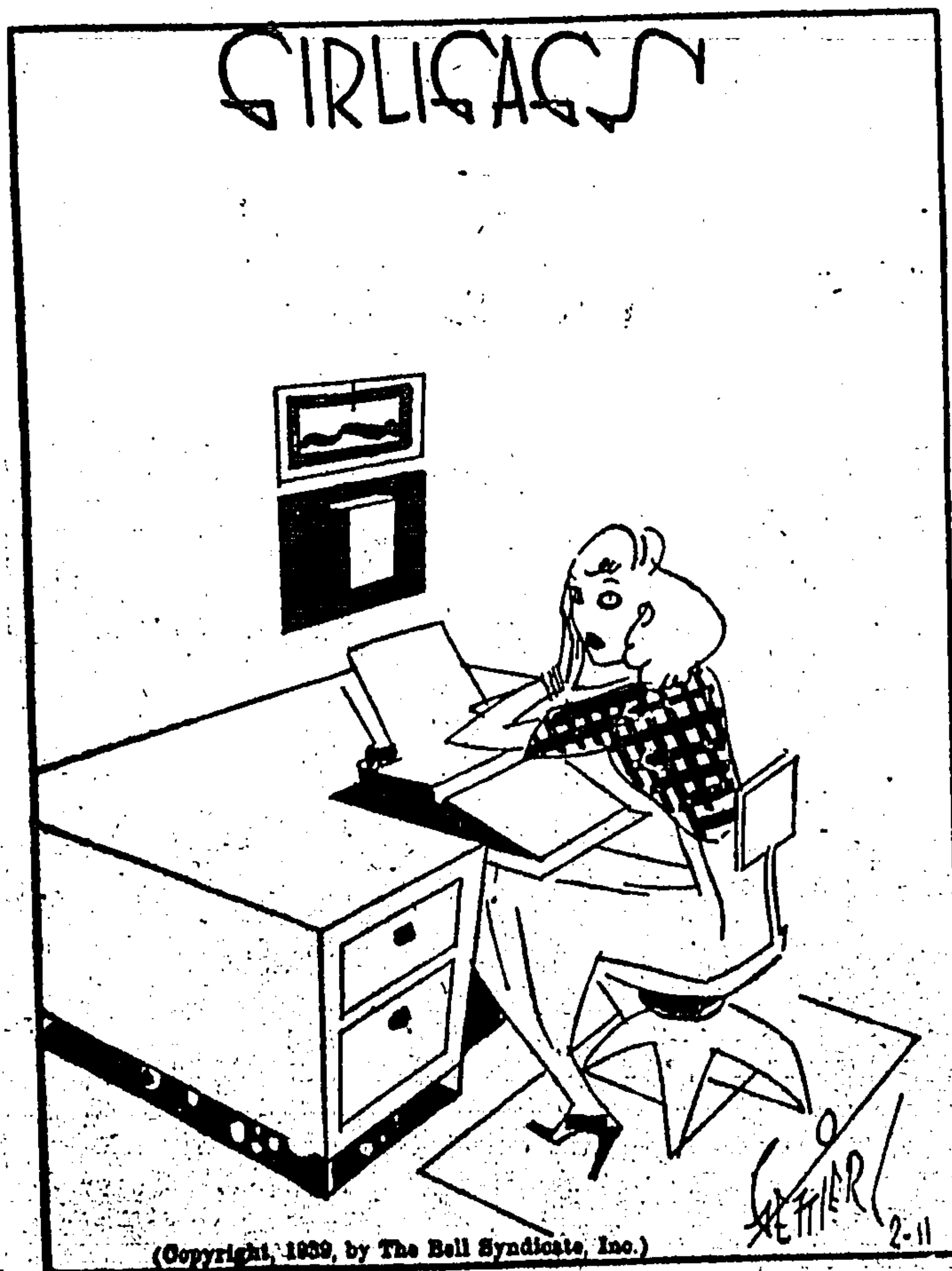
breathe properly. No one's voice is at its best when the figure is slumped and the chest hollow. Truth should be told gently this day, if you know it is going to be disagreeable to the listener. Straightforward statements of unpleasant facts may be difficult for the Average person to digest, with the result that many dispositions are apt to be upset. Inability to make up your mind in regard to accepting invitations or declining them, might have a decidedly disconcerting result this day. Words too softly spoken are apt to be construed as an assumed form of unctuousness, and cause the impression that there is no sincerity back of them. Enthusiasm might cause tongues to wag too freely

this day and let slip some very confidential information, so it will pay to think twice before talking too freely, particularly about anything told to you in confidence. Married and engaged couples, as well as those upon whose courtships Cupid is smiling, ought to leave nothing to the imagination this day especially in matters of a practical nature.

If a woman and March 27 is your birthday, do not make the mistake of discussing your personal affairs too freely. One of your greatest faults might be an over-amount of confidence in the discretion of some of your casual friends. You may be very demonstrative. To avoid many unhappy moments you will have to learn to judge people by their real worth, not by their possessions or social position. You are likely to have a vivid imagination and a poetic nature. You ought to do well in a business of your own. As an educator, restaurant or shop manager, artist, musician, writer, actress or interior decorator your prospects of making a great success seem to be unlimited. Marriage may make your dearest dreams become realities.

Breathe as deeply as possible while you stretch out both arms horizontally in front of your body. Keep your head slightly raised. When you exhale the breath bend your arms from the elbow and push your finger tips together in front of your chest. The rhythm should be one-two-three- (exhale on four).

The child born on March 27, should be taught to temper frankness with consideration for other people's feelings. A good sensible education, is important to this youngster's successful future. A thorough knowledge of social graces and usages will be helpful also.



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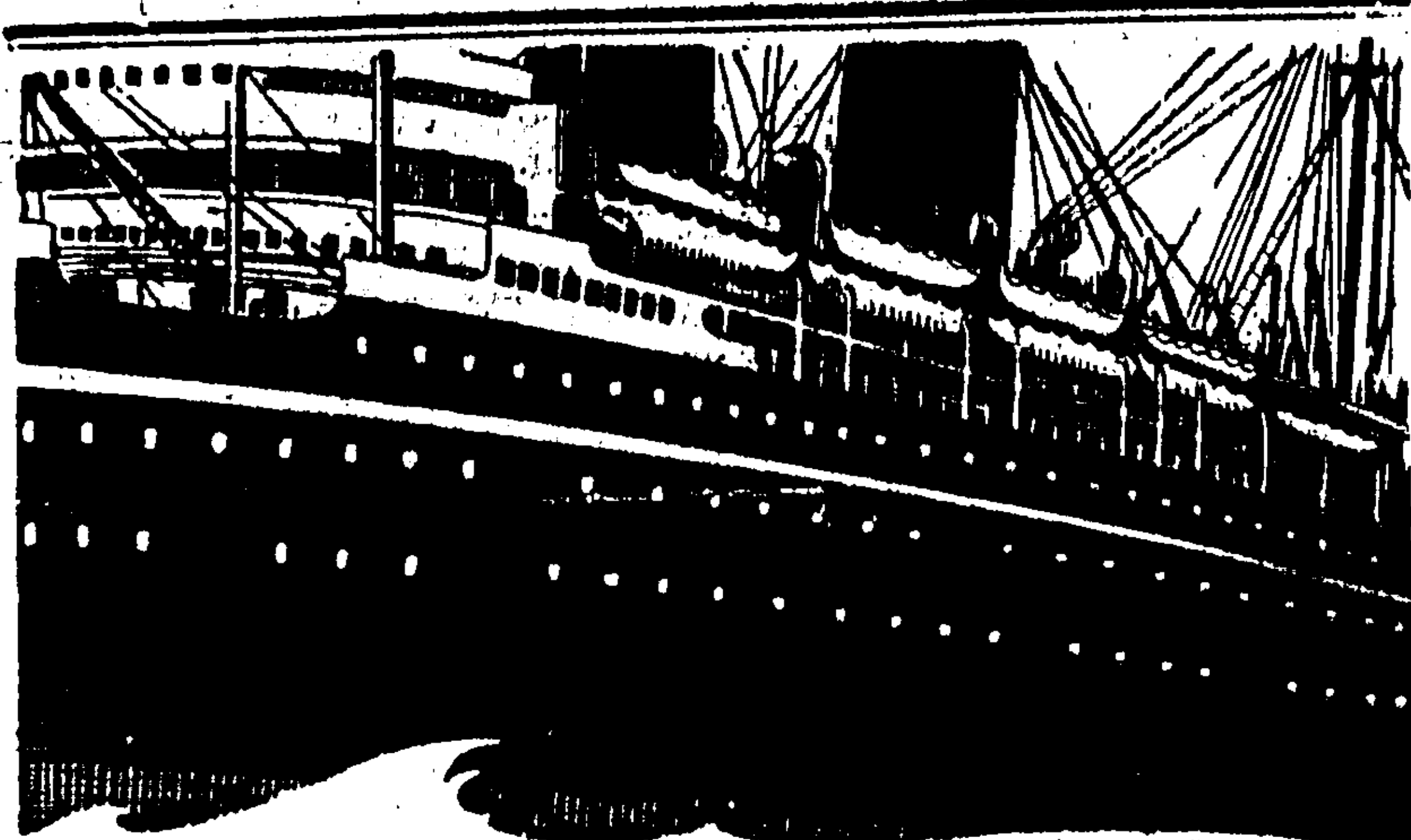


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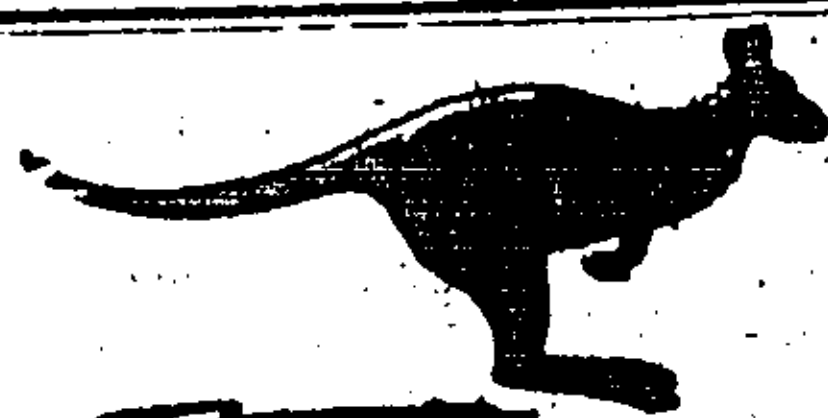
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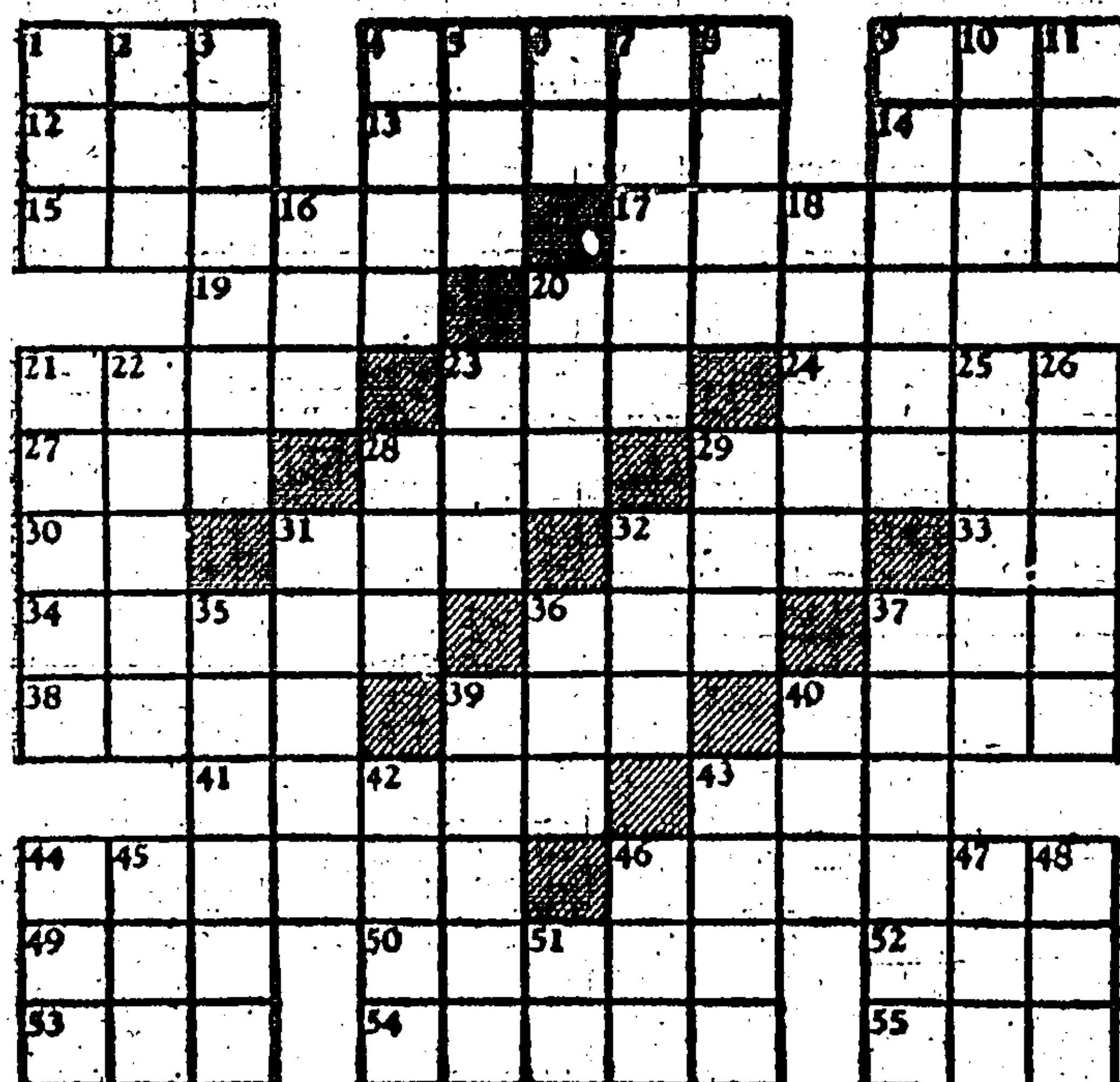
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21 Maple genus

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30 Proposition

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32 Babylonian deity

33 Preposition

34 Palatable

36 Son of Jacob

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38 Ardor

39 Provide

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1 Projection

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6 Chinese measure

7 Exertion

8 To emit

9 Prayer

10 Cap

11 Target

16 Spike of grain

18 Flat

20 Latvian coin

21 Entertain

22 Resinous substance

23 A chew of tobacco (slang)

25 Sum

26 Wear away

28 Evil

29 Spread for drying

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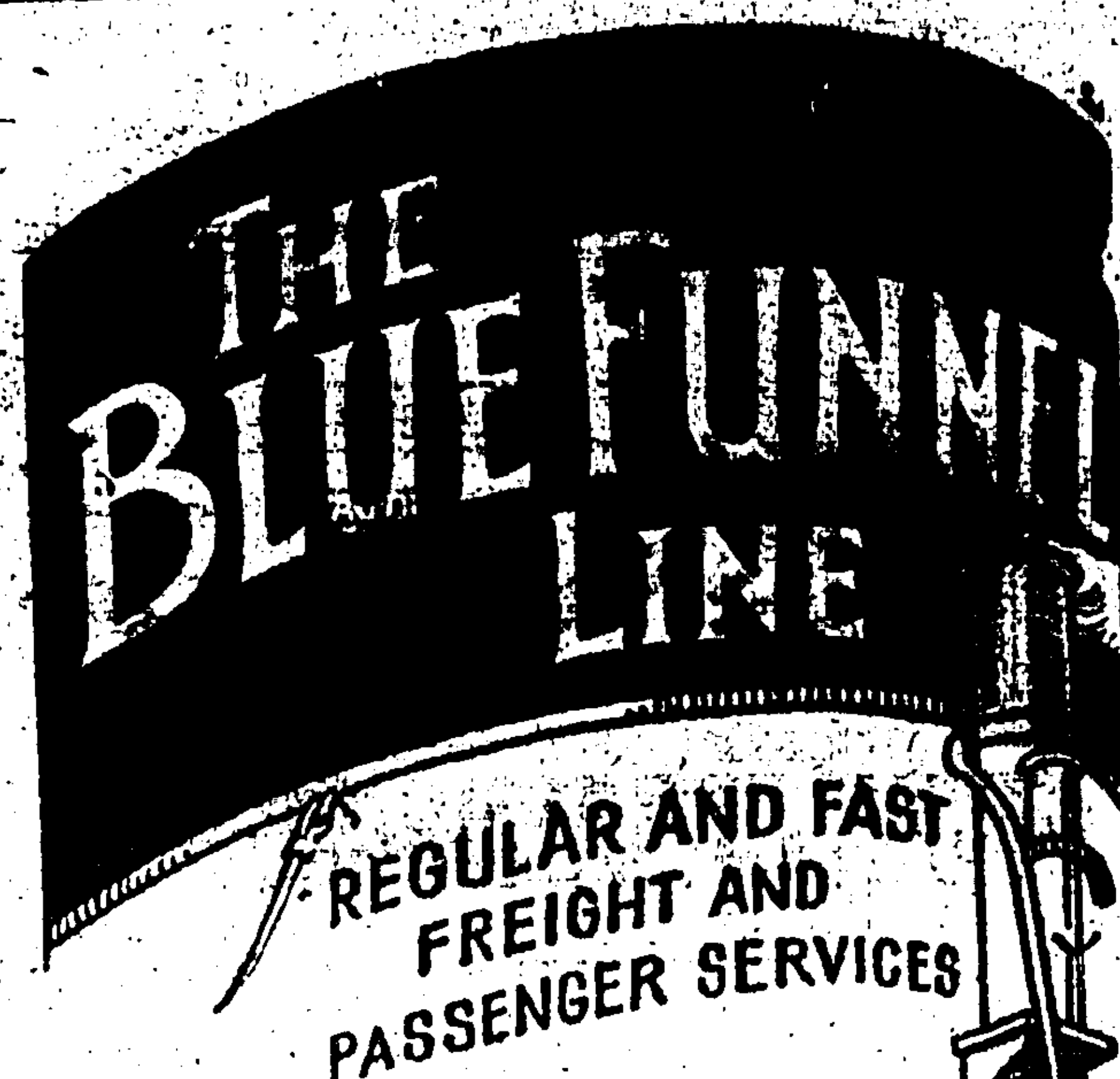
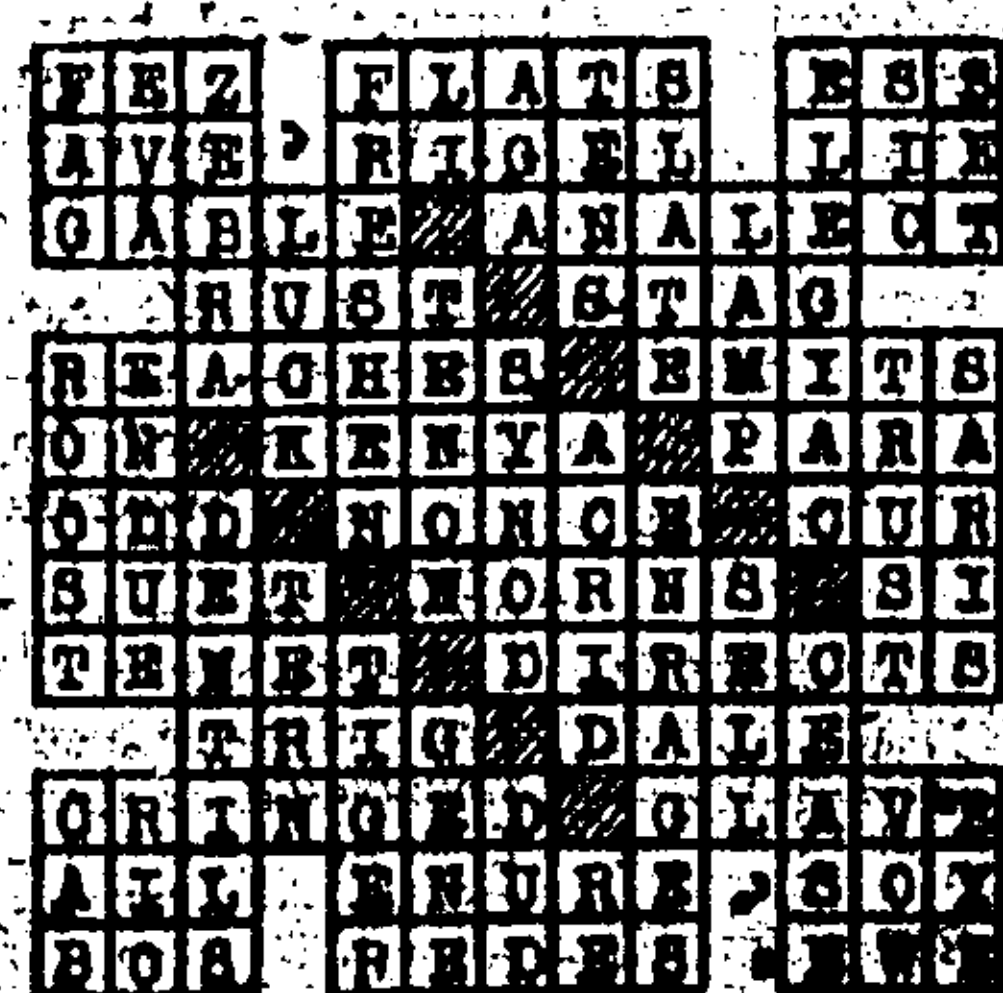
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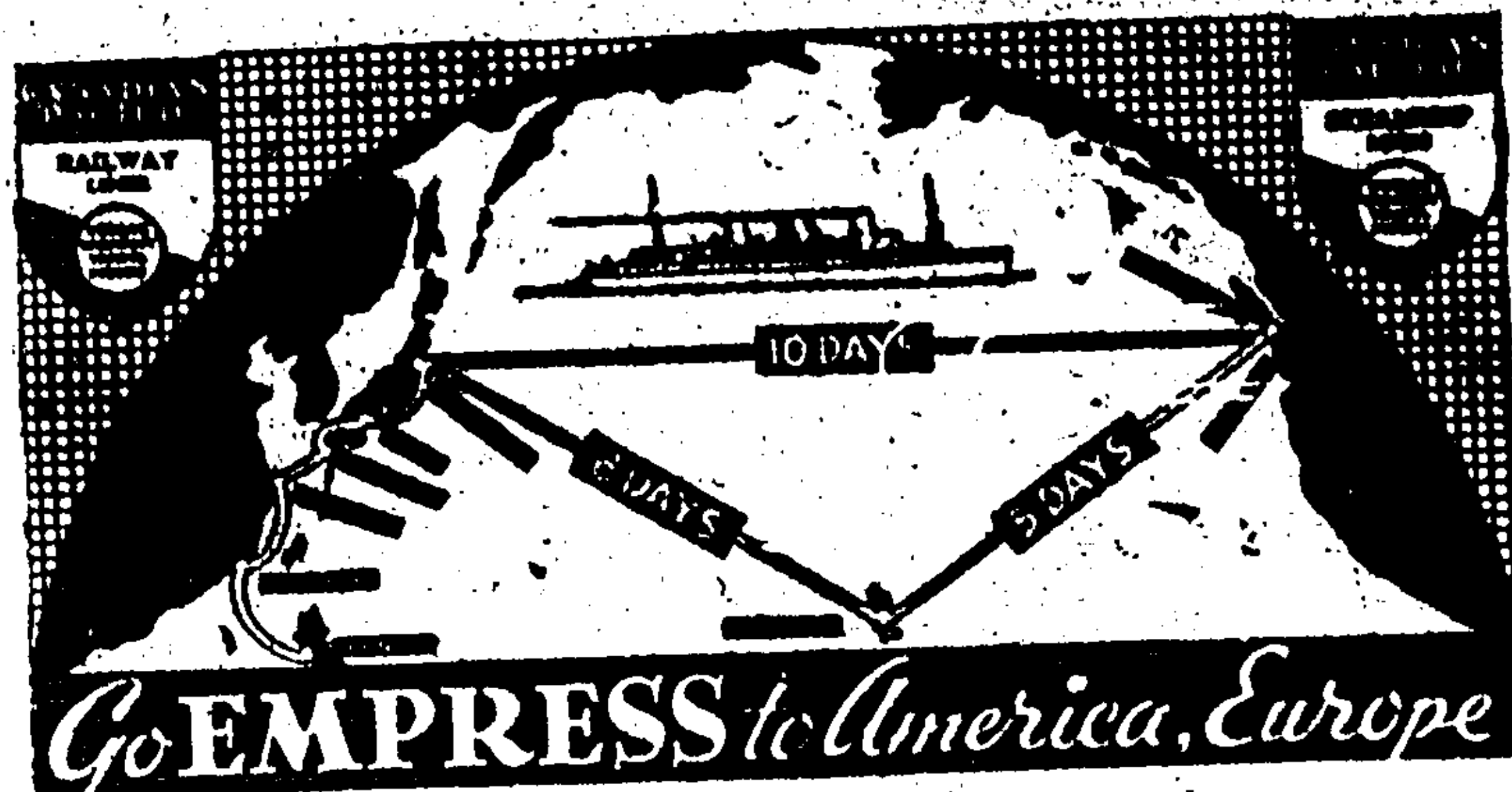
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MURDER TRIAL AT SESSIONS

HOW NINE MEN, ARMED WITH KNIVES, PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT A ROBBERY, OUT OF THE SPOILS OF WHICH EACH RECEIVED ONLY ABOUT 51.53; AND HOW THE ROBBERY, UNDER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES — THE SUFFOCATING OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS — LED TO MURDER, WAS RELATED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, BY MR. JOHN WHYATT, CROWN COUNSEL, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING.

Five Chinese, Leung Chau, 20; Lam Kam-chuen, 47; Fung Chak, 21; Li Shek-man, 31; and Leung Tai, 43, were arraigned for the murder of Leung Hung, one of the three partners of the firm Wo Fung Money-changers, No. 155, Wuhu Street, Kowloon.

The prosecution alleged this morning that first accused, Leung Chau, employee of the Wo Fung Money-changers, unlocked the rear door of the premises to let the robbers in, and, that one of the men who had escaped apprehension was Leung Fung, a former employee of the same firm. First accused was represented by Mr. Hing Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, while second, third, fourth and a fifth accused were represented by Mr. Harold Lee, instructed by C. Y. Woo.

The jury was Messrs. B. A. Proulx (Foreman), Tham Khai-hong; S. N. Potouloff, P. T. Mann, Wong Sun-ye, F. J. dos Remedios, and K. J. K. H. Haase.

IN COURSE OF ROBBERY

Prosecuting, Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, stated that the murder was committed in the course of a robbery at the Wo Fung Money-changer's at No. 155, Wuhu Street on February 6 last. The shop had been in existence for the last 32 years and one Leung Fung, former employee, was among the others who have not been arrested. First accused, Leung Chau was the "inside" man who made it possible for the robbers to enter the premises without using force.

The shop was closed at the usual time, 10 p.m. on February 5. Leung Hung, one of the three partners of the firm and four foks slept on the premises. At about 1.30 a.m. the following morning, two foks, Leung Lam and Leung Yan, were awakened by Leung Hung's voice and on getting up they saw a strange man put an orange into Leung Hung's mouth and after binding his hands behind his back, threw some clothes over his head. Another foki, Chan Lung also awoke and found three men at his bedside. They gagged and bound him in the same manner as Leung

Hung. Leung Chau and the other foks, including the cook were also bound and clothes were thrown over their heads to prevent them from seeing what was going on.

After ransacking the place, the robbers left, and some time later one of the foks managed to free himself and the others. They went up to the cockloft and releasing Leung Hung found that he was dead. Leung Chau, the alleged "inside" man, was bewailing the fact that he had been robbed of several tens of dollars and a gold finger-ring. This, submitted Crown Counsel, was highly improbable as he was only earning two dollars a month in salary.

UNABLE TO FIND KEYS

Detective Inspector A. E. Carey arrived on the scene and conducted investigations. It was discovered that the orange which the robbers forced into Leung Hung's mouth displaced the lower dental plate in his mouth, and, slipping under the man's tongue, forced the tongue inside, closing the man's wind-pipe and caused suffocation.

The robbers were not able to locate the keys of the three safes in the premises and only got away with between \$15 and \$16 in one-cent and ten-cent pieces.

Further investigations revealed that the robbers gained entrance through the rear door which had not been properly locked and the only inference drawn then was that there was an "inside" man who had made it possible for the robbers to enter.

GAVE HIMSELF UP

The men were arrested following a report made to the Police by Lau Chung, one of the members of the gang, who gave himself up the following day. This man, who turned King's Evidence, stated that he only came to know that one man had been killed in the course of the robbery through reading the newspapers, so he decided to give himself up.

He told the police how he met the accused persons and how the robbery was planned and carried out. After the robbery they went to Yaumati where the spoils were divided. Each of the nine robbers received \$1.53. Mr. Whyatt stated that only five of the nine robbers had been arrested. Dr. H. H. Tai medical officer in charge of Kowloon Mortuary, stated that he performed the post mortem examination on Leung Hung. Externally he found a white cotton tape tied and loosely knotted round the neck.

He also found faint grooves about the mouth which may have been caused by the tape. Both hands were tied tightly at the back with the same kind of tape. The face and lips were lived and the eyes congested.

The upper dental plate with false teeth was slightly down and back wards and out of position. The lower dental plate with false teeth on both sides was entirely out of position and had been forced down back-wards thus pushing the tongue back-wards.

The internal examination showed the lungs congested, the heart was enlarged and the tongue had blocked the region for breathing. The wind-pipe was covered with fine froth which indicated that a forcible attempt had been made at breathing.

ASPHYXIATED

All these were caused by asphyxiation and he had no doubt that the cause of death was due to asphyxiation by the false teeth.

In the witness-box, Leung Lam, son of one of the partners, related how he was awakened and bound and gagged with an orange by one of the men who entered the premises.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hing Shing Lo, witness replied that first accused possessed a finger-ring. He, however, did not see the ring again after the robbery. Witness stressed that it was only after the robbery that he heard that first accused had \$60. Nothing was heard of this sum of money, which accused alleged had been taken from him by the robbers, prior to the robbery.

Chan Lung one of the foks also related how the robbers bound and gagged him.

The case continues this afternoon.

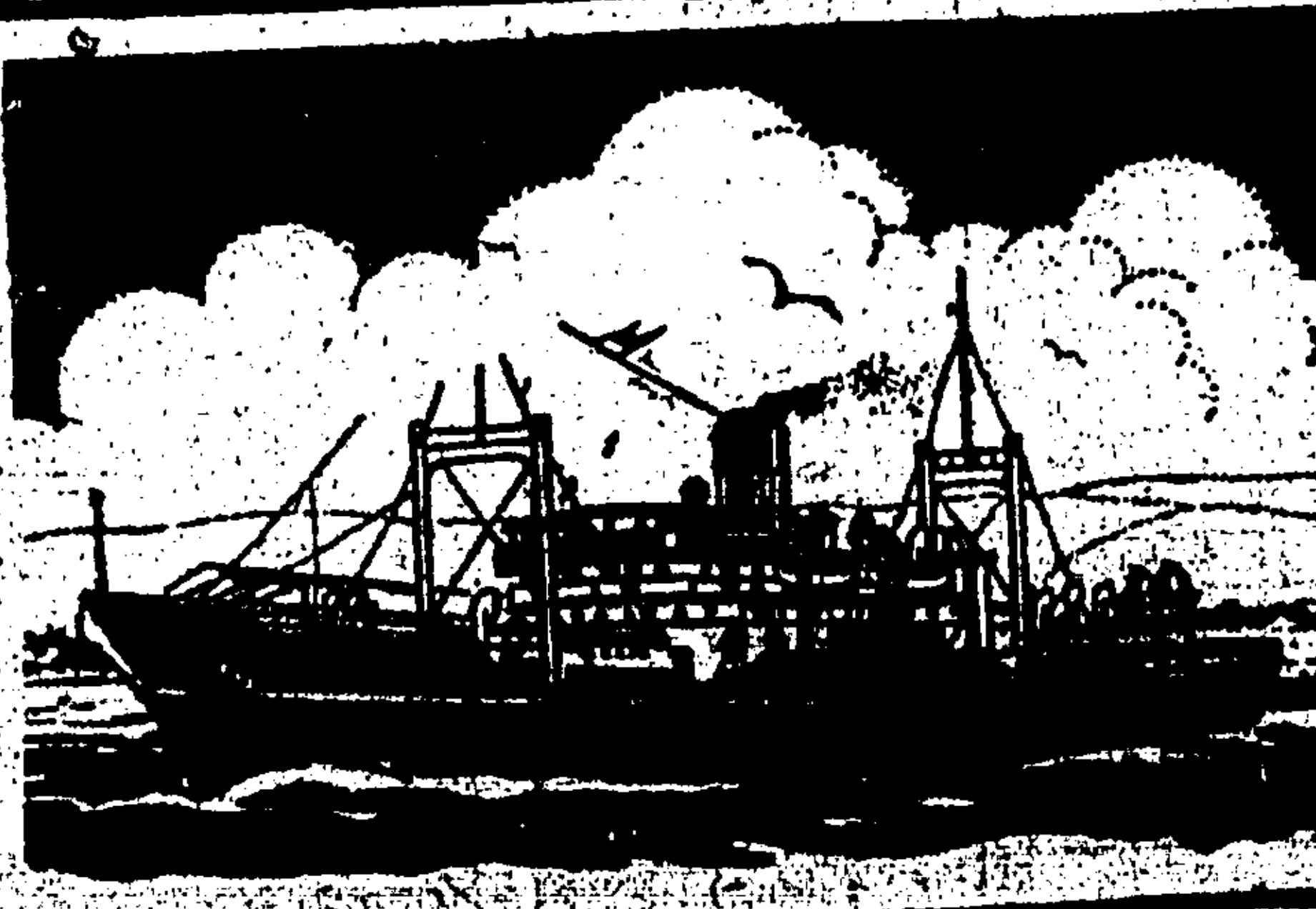
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methods of doing business in the average Russian factory, it seems probable that a scaling down of the morale factor is definitely indicated.

A SCORE SHEET.

Taking into account the basic elements of air power which we so far have had under discussion, and applying the method of observation plus conversation plus modification, it has been possible to develop a tentative score sheet of relative air power. The basic tabulation was published in Aviation for January, 1938, but slight modifications have been made since to bring the figures a little more in line with events of the last two months, particularly with respect to the British position, which is now changing very much for the better. It should be noted also that the figures given for Soviet Russia are based only on information gained from indirect sources and not on any personal observations. Before going abroad in the fall of 1938, I applied to the Soviet Embassy in Washington for permission to visit Russian manufacturing plants, but was offered so little encouragement that I did not consider it worthwhile to visit Moscow when I was in Europe.

With all the above definitions and reservations in mind, the following tabulation of probable air strength of the European countries is offered. For comparative purposes the last two columns relating to the position of the United States have been added. Column A is a measure of our situation as it exists to-day. In Column B the changes which may be expected in our position as a result of the programme announced by the President on Jan. 12 for the expansion of our air force have been computed. It will be at least two years, however, before this shift can be completed. The tabulation follows:

	U.S.		(See		Sov. Gt. text)		Ger. Un.* It. Br. Fr. A. B.			
Airplanes										
(Incl. res.)	10	10	5	3	2	3	6			
Quality	10	10	5	7	8	4	10	10		
Produce.										
rate	10	10	5	4	5	1	2	4		
Prod.										
cap.	10	10	7	6	7	3	4	4		
Personnel	10	10	6	5	3	2	3			
Morale	10	10	5	8	6	2	6	6		
Total										
points	60	42	36	34	15	27	33			
Rating	10	7.0	6.0	5.6	2.5	4.5	5.5			

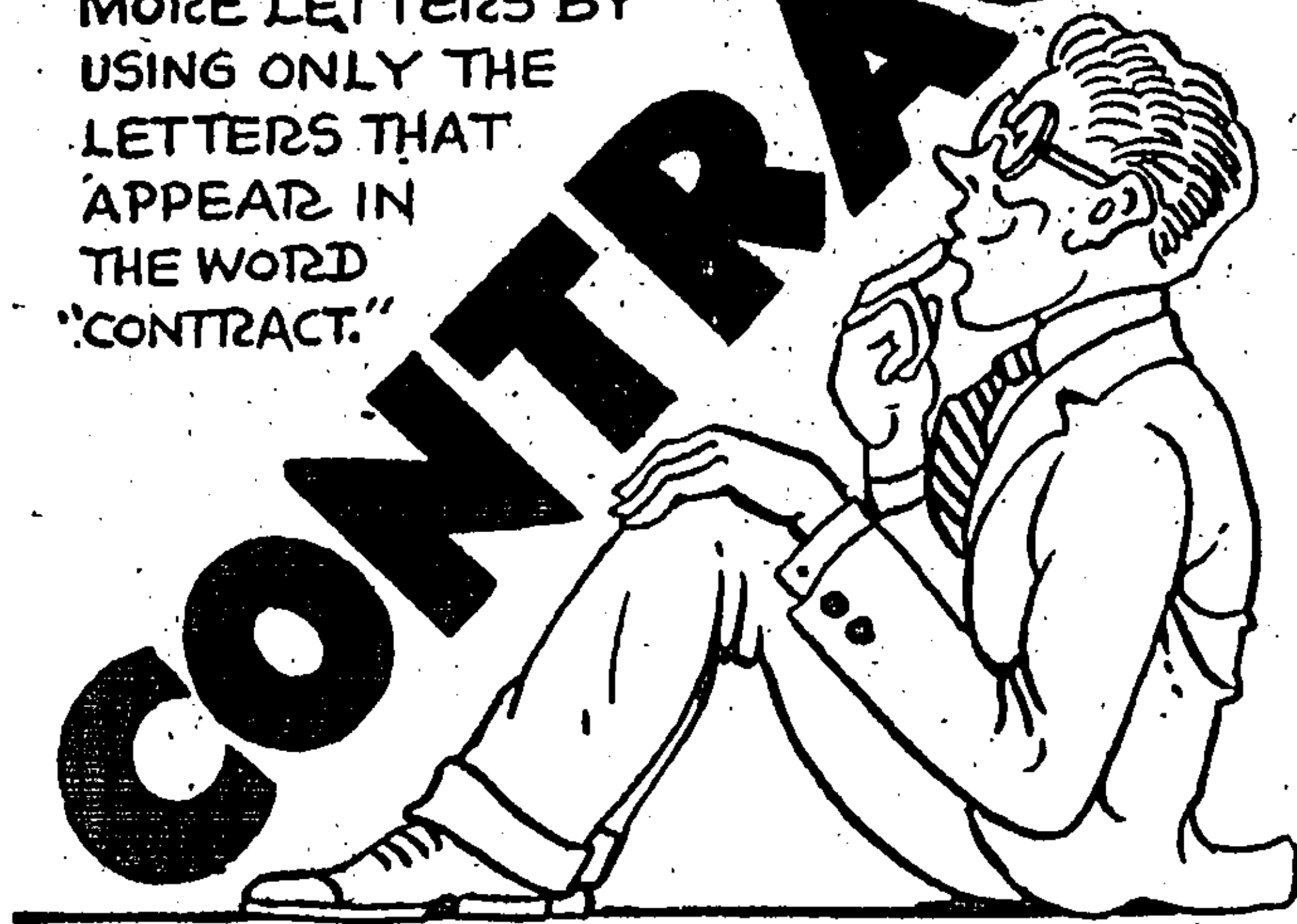
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Before a large crowd, which constituted a record for the Club ground, the Chinese defeated Civilians by 4 goals to 2 in the Final of the Lai Wah Competition. In spite of unfavourable conditions, the game was both fast and evenly contested.

Injuries the previous day prevented Jorge, Bliss, Ulrich and Rietsen, of Kowloon, and Ferrier, of the Police, from participating for the Civilians, while A. Gosano was also an absentee. Their places were well filled by C. Blackburn, E. Strange, A. J. Hussain, D. Leonard and G. Moss.

Lee Wai-tong turned out the Chinese, but did not have a very successful day. He was continually watched by Hussain, whose methods upset Lee to a great extent, while in addition, the state of the ground prevented Lee from securing a firm footing.

PARKER SHINES

Outstanding players for the Civilians were Parker and Blackburn, the backs, who presented a formidable front to the Chinese attack. Parker positioned himself well, while Blackburn forced the Chinese into off-side positions on several occasions. He was fast and accurate in his tackling.

North gave a much improved display at right-half, but Honnibal, on the left,

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found Tang Kwon-sum very tricky and was often drawn out of position by Fung King Cheong.

GOOD INDIVIDUALLY

Civilians' forward line, though not seen in any good combined movements, were individually good. Leonard led the attack soundly and was supported by two good wingers in Pile and Moss. Broudie, of the Police, who was brought into the team at the last moment, gave the Chinese defence some anxious moments; but was not in shooting form.

Tsang Chung-wan came into the Chinese team in place of Soong Ling-sing, at right half.

The Chinese team took considerable time to settle down and during that period their defence underwent a trying time, Lee Tin-sang being prominent with interceptions and clearances. Civilians took the lead in the first half through E. Strange, but Hau Ching-to equalised 20 minutes later. Leung Wing-chui gave Chinese the lead when he sent in a hard drive from outside the area, but Broudie equalised soon after.

A penalty, against Blackburn for hands, saw Lee give the Chinese the lead again.

Lee Wai-tong worked his way through on the right in the second half to score with a powerful grounder.

Chinese:—Tam Kwan-kon; Hou Yung-sang; Lee Tin-sang; Soong Ling-sing; Leung Wing-chui; Hau King-shing; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheong; Lee Wai-tong; Lai Shui-wing; and Hau Ching-to.

Civilians:—Coles; Blackburne, Parker; North, Hussain, Honnibal; Pile, Brandie, Leonard, E. Strange, and Moss.

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Miss Greig's Fine Display

Ladies' Interport Hockey Eleven Beat Schoolgirls: Miss D. Watson Injured

(By "STICKS")

AN amazing performance on the left-wing by Miss Jean Greig, who scored two good goals, featured yesterday morning's hockey game on the "Y" ground where the Colony Ladies' Interport eleven defeated Central British Schoolgirls by 6 goals to nil.

An unfortunate accident marred the game a few minutes before the interval, when Miss D. Watson, the Schoolgirls' centre-half, who had been extraordinarily good up to then, was hit on the nose by the ball centred from the right-wing, and had to leave the field. She was later sent to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

The score suggests overwhelming superiority by the Interport team, but this was by no means the case. Several, at least three of the winners' goals, should never have been allowed as they were definitely scored from off-side positions, while the injury to Miss Watson had an unsettling effect on the Schoolgirls in the second half, when a few positional changes greatly weakened their combination.

Two full-backs were tried out in the Interport XI and of these Mrs. Wilmot, who has already been selected to travel to Shanghai, completely outshone Miss D. Moss, who was seen during the second half.

SURPRISED HER CRITICS

In the absence of Miss M. Westcott, who failed to put in an appearance, Miss J. Greig was played on the left wing where she surprised everybody with a most amazing performance. She controlled the ball well and centred brilliantly, while her two goals were well deserved, being the result of clever anticipation and opportunism. She combined most effectively with Mrs. Dalziel, who

will most probably fill the inside left-berth in the Interport match.

Several changes were made in the second half. Mrs. Dalziel was moved to the right-wing which was vacated by Mrs. Burnett, Miss B. Greaves was brought in as left-half and Miss H. Reid moved up to inside-left.

AS A FORWARD

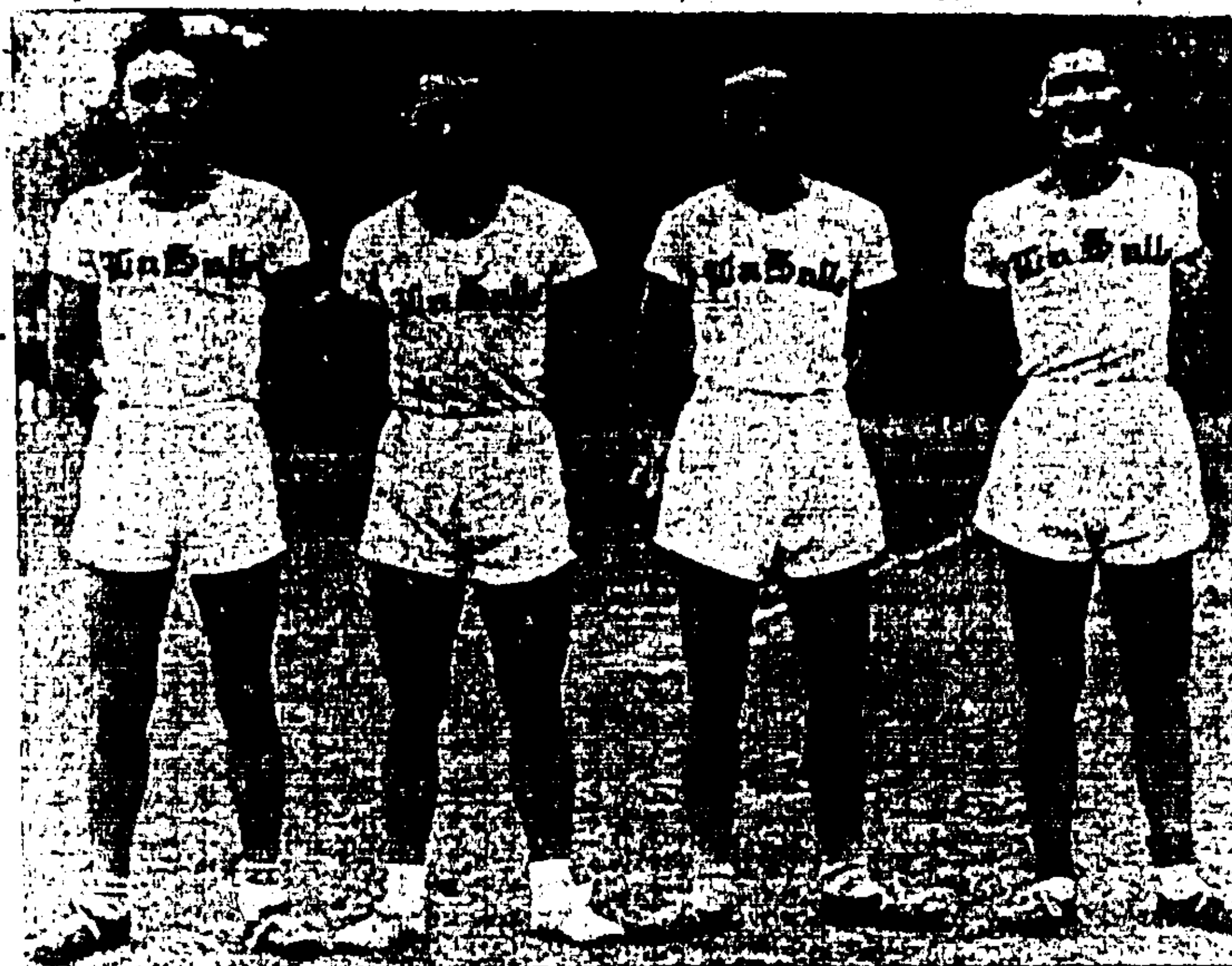
Miss Reid displayed fairly reliable form as an attacking player, but was a trifle selfish at times, while she ruined several promising movements by intercepting passes from her centre-half to her left-winger instead of giving the ball a clear passage.

Miss I. Woolley seems to improve with every game and was at the top of her form yesterday. Her spoiling against a clever School forward line was magnificent, but her distribution caught the eye mostly.

MISS HARKER SHINES

Mrs. Read was a thrustful centre-forward while Miss Harker was again very prominent and together with Mrs. Burnett, in the first

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The Inter-School Relay event at the Hong Kong University annual athletic meeting last Saturday week, was won by the La Salle College quartette seen above.

Fair Dividends At Last Kwanti Meeting

FAIRLY good dividends featured the last race meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club held at Kwanti yesterday under bracing conditions. Rain threatened, but did not obtrude.

Cape York surprised many punters by winning the Brisbane Handicap after jumping badly at the previous meeting. Ebony Idol won the St. John Cup in grand style bringing \$21,000 to the holder of the winning sweep ticket.

Margaret, a starter in the Brisbane Handicap, broke a fetlock and had to be shot.

Results were:—

1.—THE SHATAUKOK HANDICAP.—1½ miles.

Dobson and Lewis' Three Farthings 159 lbs. (F. F. P. Dobson) 1
Major Oliver's Double Chance 166 lb. (W. E. Grieve) 2
M. F. L. Haymes' Zero 168 lb. (M. F. L. Haymes) 3
Won by one and a half; one and a half.

Time:—3.34.2.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$22.60. Places \$7.50; \$6.10.

2.—THE DRAG HUNTERS' PLATE.—1½ miles.

Dobson and Lewis' Clown 1
A. H. R. Butcher's March Brown 2
J. P. Murphy's Jack O'Lantern 3
Won by half a length; three lengths.

Time:—3.38.1.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$13.30. Places \$5.90; \$6.60; \$8.00.

3.—THE BRISBANE HANDICAP.—1½ miles.

Threesomes' Cape York 140 lb. (Eyre) 1
Major Oliver's Sea Urchin 153 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 2
M. M. Watson's Glorious Star 166 lb. (G. W. Hook) 3
Won by many; six lengths.

Time:—3.12.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$16.20. Places \$8.00; \$11.20; \$6.40.

4.—THE ST. JOHN CUP.—1 mile.

H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Ebony Idol 147 lb. (B. A. Proulx) 1

half, proved dangerous when in possession.

Miss Harker's following up and positioning were excellent and she was always in a position to snap up centres from either wing for a shot at goal. She should be one of the Colony's most dangerous forwards in Shanghai.

Mrs. Lunson was tried in both goals and was beaten twice, when opposed to the Interport eleven in the second half. Miss G. White was the pick of the five full-backs on display, while Mrs. Stone maintained her usual form at right-half. Mrs. Read (2), Mrs. Dalziel, Miss H. Reid and Miss Greig (2) were the goal-scorers, the score being 4 goals to nil at the interval.

H. and H.'s Fei Ying 140 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 2
Hoping's Flybynight 156 lb. (P. Wei) 3

Won by two lengths; two lengths.
Time:—2.10.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$22.20. Places \$8.10; \$20.10; \$7.30.

5.—THE HOBART PLATE.—Six furlongs.

Luminous' Amber II 152 lb. (Ip Kui-ying) 1
Mrs. Macgregor's Schmetterling 152 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 2
G. Trevorton's Bruno 155 lb. (G. F. H. Churchill) 3
Won by one length; a neck.

Time:—1.26.0.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.60. Places \$7.10; \$12.60.

6.—THE SUBS. SCURRY.—¼ mile.

Dr. S. N. Chau's Thanksgiving Day 152 lb. (Ip Kui-ying) 1
Chuong Ho-yen's Welcome 161 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
Chan Bros.' Rose Day 155 lb. (P. L. Chiu) 3
Won by a neck; two lengths.

Time:—1.01.2.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$16.20. Places \$8.70; \$18.00; \$10.90.

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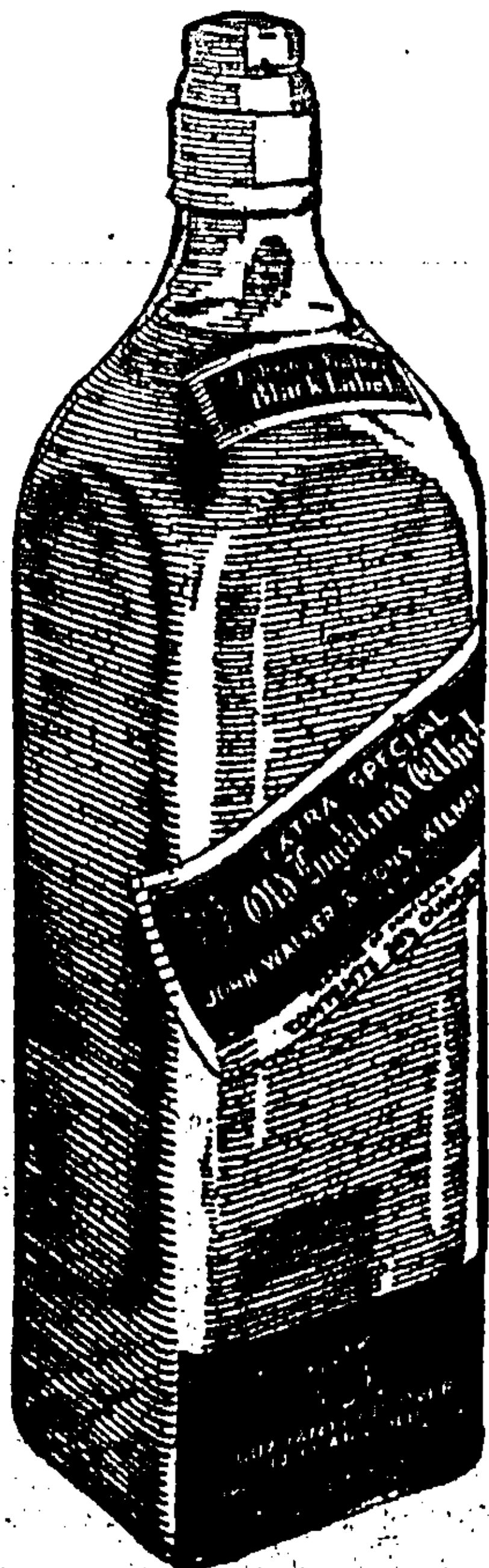
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Critics Of Timeless Tests

5th Test Reached "Heights Of Absurdity"

Hammond's Farewell Message

(By AIR MAIL)

Durban. Critics generally are antagonistic towards timeless Test matches — W. R. Hammond, England's captain, is one who deprecates them—though one or two of them point out that the match was not dull.

The "Natal Mercury's" cricket writer says:—"South Africa is entitled to 100 per cent. marks for the wonderful way in which her players adapted themselves to the grim conditions to which they were not accustomed.

"Words cannot adequately give credit to the astounding revival on Friday, yesterday and to-day, but the finish added a taste of grotesque to a match which had already touched the heights of absurdity."

THOSE WICKETS

Nelson, in the "Rand Daily Mail," maintains that England, were, on the whole, the better side, but South Africa were not far behind. "Unless the Imperial Cricket Conference can find some satisfactory solution regarding over-prepared wickets, very few Tests in future will be completed in four days," he said.

"The great individual achievements by both sides were eclipsed by fantastic cricket played on a freak wicket that cheapened Test match values," said Louis Duffus. "Rain twice rejuvenated the pitch, which was too good when the match started. This wicket—something of a nine-day wonder—should change cricket history. Neither the toss, the stoical endurance of the South Africans, nor the bulldog resolution of the English batsmen proved of any avail.

"The great lesson learned from the match is the need for the reform of super-wickets."

HAMMOND'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Hammond, in a farewell message to South Africa, said:—

"I don't think timeless Test matches are in the best interests of the game, and I sincerely hope that the last one has been played between England and South Africa."

Hammond added:—"The spirit of comradeship and friendliness evident between the players of the two sides in the Tests was without precedent. I am very grateful to Merville for his co-operation and share towards making these matches the pleasant affairs that they have been, and I should like to see a more frequent interchange of visits between England and South Africa."

Hammond described the tour as "very enjoyable", and endorsed Manager Holmes's views that South Africa would be sending a strong side to England next year. Hammond expressed surprise at the high standard of wickets throughout the



Timeless Tests are not in the best interests of the game—W. R. Hammond.

country and thought the 8-ball over very satisfactory.

NEXT YEAR'S STRONG TEAM

"South Africa will be sending a strong team to England next year," said Flight-Lieut. A. J. Holmes, manager of the M.C.C. team, in a farewell interview. "This is indicated by what we have seen during the present tour, though there is room for a really good spin bowler in the side. Gordon, in my opinion, is a distinct find, and should do well on English wickets."

Mr. Holmes was full of praise for W. R. Hammond's captaincy of the M.C.C. side. "He has captained the side magnificently, and the handling of his bowlers and the placing of his field have been superb," continued Holmes.

"The tour has not been as strenuous as some would have us believe and think South Africa has provided us with sterner opposition than was generally anticipated before the tour."



Interport Hockey XI Selected

Miss I. Woolley Captain

Following yesterday morning's practice match, the Colony Interport team to meet the Shanghai Ladies on Saturday, April 8, was selected as follows:

Mrs. J. Lunson (H.K.L.)

Miss G. White (St. Andrew's)
Mrs. Wilmot (Seaforth L.)

Mrs. I. Stone ("Y" Ladies)
Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.) (Capt.)
Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's)

Mrs. O. Burnett ("Y" Ladies)
Miss B. Harker ("Y" Ladies)
Mrs. M. Read ("Y" Ladies)
Mrs. F. Dalziel (H. K. Ladies)
Miss M. Westcott ("Y" Ladies)

Reserve F. Back: Miss D. Moss (C.B.A.)

Reserve H. Back: Miss B. Greaves (D.G.S.)

Reserve forward: Miss J. Greig (H. K. Ladies)

Captain: Miss I. Woolley.

Team Manager: Mrs. J. Lunson.

Kwong Wah Enterprise

The name "Kwong Wah" is slowly being brought more and more into the public eye. What with teams in the First and Second Divisions of the Hong Kong Football League, a ping-pong team and a Chinese chess team, it is learned that they are now having physical training classes for their members and that the average attendance is close on 80!

This is indeed a creditable record when one considers that this Club is composed solely of members of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd.

A great deal is due to Mr. W. J. Brown for this splendid showing, and other "Hong" would do well to follow this fine example.

These physical training classes have been going on now for about six months and Kwong Wah are taking up track and field events at the same time.

They would be very pleased to hear from any Clubs or Institutions who would care to meet them in friendly competitions. Those interested should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Kwong Wah Athletic Assn. c/o China Light and Power Co., Ltd.—(Contributed).

GOLF BALL CHANGE OUT-VOTED

London, March 17 (By Air Mail)—English golfers are not in favour of changing the size, weight, or power of the golf ball.

This opinion was given by the Executive Committee of the English Golf Union in London yesterday, in the form of a majority vote to recommend to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews that the present ball—1.62 inches in diameter, and 1.62 ounces in weight—be retained.

A minority vote was cast for a reduction in power, but there was no support for a proposal to increase the playing length of the ball.

St. Andrews are investigating the ball question, and the National Unions have been asked to express their views. The ball used in America is of the same weight, but larger—1.68 inches in diameter.

Keep Relaxed

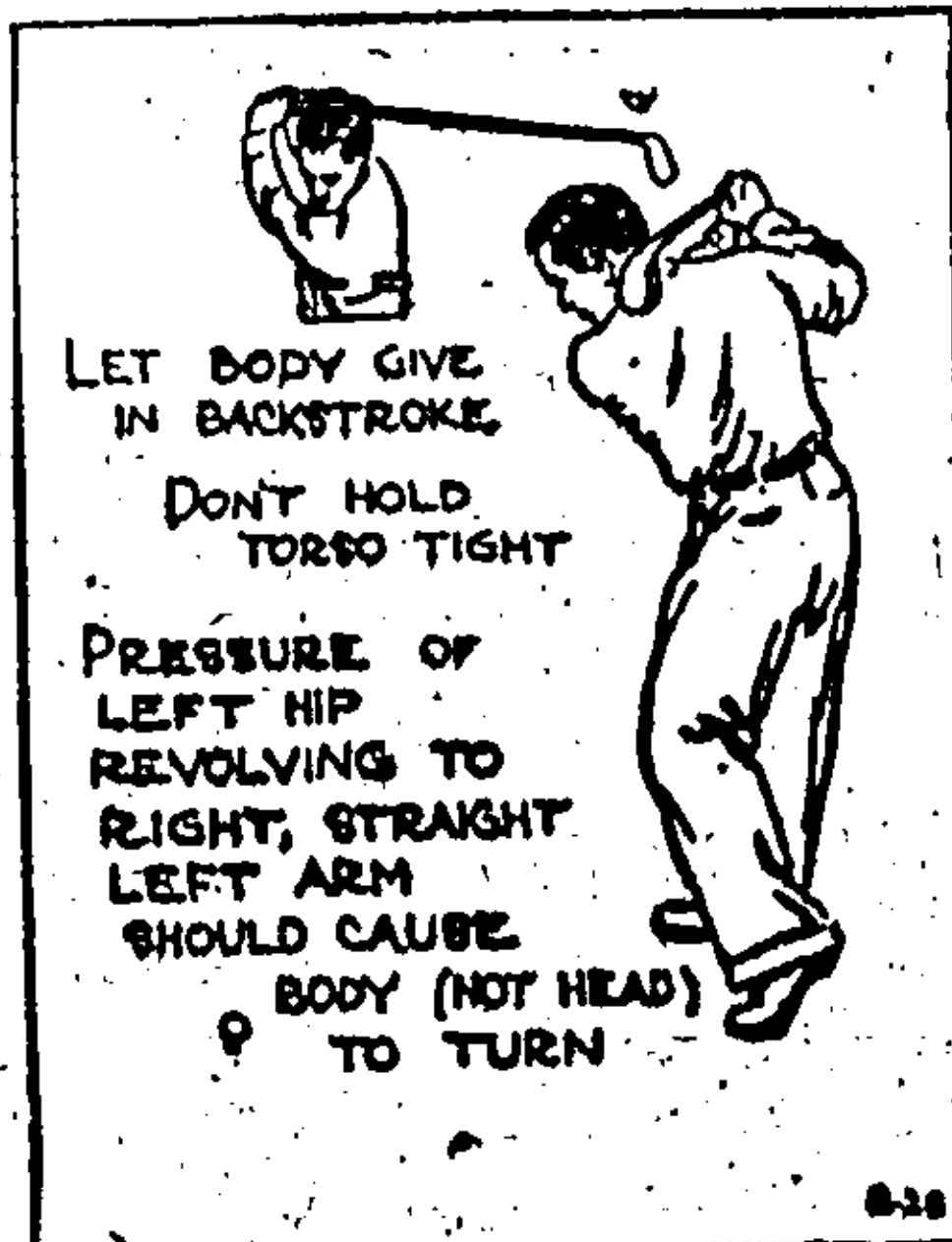
By BEST BALL

One of the reasons the golf stroke looks so easy of accomplishment, when made by a good player is that his body turns easily with the swing. Such perfection of fluid movement may be a little more than the average golfer can expect to attain but at least he can emulate it to a certain degree with consequent betterment of his game. The player who tries to swing with the arms and hands only, while holding his body more or less taut has not eliminated the latter from the swing. As

remain stationary. In a manner of speaking the body should turn freely underneath the head as an axis.

Wednesday—Grooving The Stroke.

GRAPHIC GOLF



a matter of fact its set position will interfere with the stroke and make correct contact that much more difficult.

The body, for best results, should turn easily when the pressure of the left hip turn and the straight left arm travelling to the right is felt. This causes the right hip to turn to the right until at the top of the stroke the back is presented to the line of flight. All this should be done without disturbing the position of the body in its relation to the ball or the head, which should

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"SPIDER" KELLY HELD TO A DRAW

(By AIR MAIL)

"Spider" Kelly, of Derry, British and Empire feather-weight champion, boxed a draw with Tom Smith (Sunderland) over ten rounds at Newcastle. Kelly, who had flown from Belfast to Manchester, and arrived at Newcastle only a few hours before the fight, was the aggressor at the start, but Smith boxed cleverly on the retreat, and sometimes made the champion miss with his left leads. Once Smith caught Kelly with a left to the jaw which unsettled him. Smith scored at long range, but whenever Kelly got to close quarters he was the master with short arm blows to the body. The Sunderland boxer, however, fought back in great style in the last two rounds to earn a draw.

Clark M'Conachy To Settle in England

CLARK M'CONACHY, New Zealand professional billiards champion, is going to make England his future home. It is his intention to leave Wellington in mid-summer, so as to be in time for the start of the autumn billiards season in London.


M'Conachy was last in England six years ago, when he figured in matches with all the leading players, including Walter Lindrum, who returned to Australia. Joe Davis beat him in the snooker championship final at Thurston's, London, in April 1932.

In that year M'Conachy created a world's record run of 464 consecutive cannons in a break of 1,030. In Glasgow in November 1929 he set up a new Scottish record with a break of 1,377.

JOHNNY FISCHER TO RETIRE

Columbus (Ohio), (By Air Mail). —America's 1936 amateur golf champion, John W. Fischer, will retire from tournament golf after making one more attempt to regain the amateur title. Fischer, who was recently admitted to the Bar, beat Jack M'Lean at the 37th in 1936 at Garden City, Long Island, to win the Amateur Championship.

He will play again in the 1939 amateur, and will try for a place in the Walker Cup team, before abandoning tournament play. "My future lies in the legal profession," Fischer explained. "Much as I like golf, I can't let it interfere with my plans."—Press Association.



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Rugby Triumph For Wales

Ireland Fail To Score Hard Forward Game

LAST FIVE MINUTES DECIDE

IRELAND 0 pts. **WALES** 7

WALES was a little lucky to beat Ireland at Belfast by a dropped goal and a try (7 points) to nothing, both sides coming in the last few minutes. Except for one period in the second half they had much the better of it in the tight scrummages, but on such a day the backs could not handle with anything like accuracy, and the rugged methods of the Irishmen always looked more dangerous. Ireland's forwards were splendid in the open, with Sayers, Irwin, and Alexander most prominent, but much was due to the clever kicking of Morgan and the Irish centres. Travers, Leslie Davies, and Manfield were always to the fore among the Welsh forwards. Of the Welsh backs Tanner, Willie Davies, and M. J. Davies did best under discouraging conditions.

V. J. Lyttle, the Ireland left-wing, unfortunately pulled a leg muscle while training on Friday, but an excellent substitute was available in C. V. Boyle (Dublin University), an old International.

Heavy rain fell throughout the morning and the ground was very soft. Despite the weather, the ground filled rapidly, with a large number of red-hatted Welshmen among the crowd.

There were 30,000 present when McKibben kicked off for Ireland against what wind there was. Ireland at once made ground, and when they heeled from the scrummage Morgan put out a good pass, but Cromey spoiled the possibility of a promising movement developing by knocking on.

WELSH BACKS KICK

Ireland's forwards soon settled down to bustling play, which the Welsh backs countered with kicking.

After four minutes Wales nearly took the lead. Ireland were penalised for a scrumming infringement near halfway, and Wooller's shot at goal was only a trifle short.

A long touch by McKibben got Ireland attacking, and Teehan was almost in from a rush. George Morgan stealing away on the blind side after a scrummage in the Welsh "25," was pushed into touch by S. Williams. Again Wooller tried a shot at goal from a penalty near halfway, but this time sent well wide.

STERN BATTLE ON THE LINE

A spell of attacking by Wales followed, M. J. Davies found touch cleverly in the corner, and a stern battle took place near the Irish line.

Alexander checked an attempt by Tanner to steal away from a scrummage, and when M. J. Davies tried a dummy and cut through. Torrens tackled him safely. Ireland fought their way out of danger and gradually got into the Welsh "25," where Howard Davies did well to save from a rush by Mayne and Sayers.

The ground by this time was churning up badly in places. Howard Davies was kept busy for a time. He stopped Moran when Cromey punted ahead, and then Morgan was all but in again. In one dribbling Welsh counter-attack led by Leslie Davies, the Ireland defence faltered, but Moran saved the situation with a timely fly kick. Wooller made a poor attempt at a dropped goal with the slippery ball, and again Ireland got on the move.

PULLED DOWN

After a series of scrummages close to half-way Wooller punted diagonally, but although he tried hard to get through, C. Matthews was pulled down.

W. Davies did some useful defensive kicking, and Murphy put in one smart kick when harassed by Wooller. Travers was out-hooking Teehan, the ball coming out on the Welsh side at a proportion of two to one, but the difficult ball hampered the backs. For a time the football was comparatively quiet, but suddenly Ireland went away in a terrific burst.

Cromey darted through. Sayers and Irwin threatened in a rousing dribble that set the crowd roaring, and Boyle was forced into touch near the line. Wales retaliated, and a neat cross-kick by M. J. Davies almost let Williams through. Murphy was shaken in a collision, but soon resumed.

Another swift rush, in which Teehan, Irwin, and Sayers took part, caused the Welsh defence a lot of trouble, but they held out. A minute before half-time a Welshman was caught off-side in his own "25," but McKibben missed a grand chance of giving Ireland the

INTERNATIONAL TABLE						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.
Wales	3	2	1	0	18	6
Ireland	3	2	1	0	17	10
England	2	1	1	0	3	5
Scotland	2	0	2	0	6	23

lead. Williams, in reply, was nearly in from Tanner's pass.

THE SECOND HALF

In addition to the breeze, Wales had to face slanting sunshine in the second half. Nevertheless, they at once set up attacks, but Murphy, at full-back, was safe. As in the opening stage, there was nothing spectacular about the football. Howard Davies once dived headlong to check a punt ahead magnificently in face of onrushing Irish forwards. A plucky piece of work.

For a long time neither side could make real headway. Then Ireland rallied again. Using their feet, the Irish forwards worked their way down, and play waxed fast and furious.

CLUNG TENACIOUSLY

Williams dribbled away, but Ireland clung tenaciously to their task. They kept the game round about the Welsh "25" till Willie Davies found touch with a long kick. The respite was brief, but when Tanner mishandled Sayers led a rush that took play again well into Welsh territory. There was a kick by Morgan, followed by a great rush by Irwin, Sayers, and Alexander, which put Wales into danger and only a desperate defence saved a score. When they did break clear Wales were sent back by a penalty for off-side. Ireland in this half were getting more of the ball from the scrummages.

O'Loughlin nearly got in when Moran charged Howard Davies off the ball and kicked ahead. Wales put on a spurt, thanks to their forwards, but twice more were held up by penalties.

Still they attacked. W. Davies and Manfield making heroic efforts to break through, but Ireland tackled and covered in a way that made their defence impenetrable. Wales resumed their scrummaging mastery but could not turn it into account.

LATE SCORES

Time went on and still the defences held but Ireland supporters shuddered when Headon was caught off-side and Wooller placed the ball for the resultant penalty.

The kick was wide but Wales kept up the pressure and three minutes from time W. Davies put Wales ahead with a dropped goal as he received the ball from a scrummage. That was not all, for just before the finish Williams added a try.

IRELAND: — C. Murphy (Lansdowne); F. G. Moran (Clontarf); H. R. McGibben (Istonians); J. D. Torrens (Bohemians); C. V. Boyle (Lansdowne); G. E. Cromey (Belfast Collegians); G. J. Morgan (capt.) (Old Belvedere); T. Headon (University College, Dublin); C. Teehan (University College, Cork); H. J. Sayers (The Army); J. G. Ryan (University College, Dublin); D. O'Loughlin (Garryowen); R. B. Mayne (Malone); J. W. S. Irwin (North of Ireland); R. Alexander (Royal Ulster Constabulary).

WALES: — H. Davies (Swansea); Cliff Matthews (Bridgend); M. J. Davies (Oxford University); W. Wooller (capt.) (Cardiff); S. Williams (Aberavon); W. T. H. Davies (Swansea); Haydn Tanner (Swansea); W. E. N. Davies (Cardiff); W. H. Travers (New-

French Union Adopt The British Proposals

Paris, to-day. — It has been unanimously decided by the directing committee of the French Rugby Federation to adopt the proposals received recently in a letter from the Secretary of the four British Rugby Unions.

The Federation is certain to confirm their decision and the first match will probably be against Scotland next January.

The British letter summarised states:—

(1) Amateurism is to be entirely respected by players as well as directors.

(2) There must be no paid trainers.

(3) Expelled players must not play again until their case has been considered by a competent commission.

(4) The rules of the International Board to be applied integrally.

(5) Friendly matches should be the basis of the game.

The British letter politely advised the abolition of the Inter-Club Championships and this is being adopted.—Reuter.

Warwickshire's Great Rugby Victory

SOMERSET DEFEATED IN COUNTY FINAL

SOMERSET 3 pts. **WARWICKSHIRE** 8

SOMERSET were obliged to make one change. T. R. Harris, the Bath fly-half, who figured conspicuously in Somerset's progress to the final, was unable to play owing to injury, and they met the situation by moving White to fly-half and introducing F. M. McRae (St. Mary's Hospital) to White's position in the three-quarter line.

Rain fell heavily at Weston-super-Mare before the match, but the weather had brightened when Warwickshire kicked off before a crowd of 10,000. Somerset immediately went to Warwickshire's "25" and Pateman saved an awkward situation when he picked up before the posts and found touch.

Warwickshire made ground to the other end, where Somerset also had an anxious moment when Jenkin failed to field a kick ahead. He recovered, however, and the ball was swept into touch.

Play continued to be fast and from end-to-end character, both back divisions handling well. Somerset began to put on pressure, but twice got deep into Warwickshire's "25" only to be sent back by penalty kicks. White had a chance when he took a penalty for Somerset from a favourable position, but his effort fell short.

SOMERSET ON TOP

The game ran more and more in favour of Somerset, who kept up well-sustained attacks. Once White almost burst over, but in every emergency the Warwickshire defence was sound, Pateman playing brilliantly at full-back. Warwickshire got to half-way with a great dribble, but Somerset were soon back again, and maintained a territorial advantage in the closing stages of the half to take the lead just before the interval with a penalty goal by White.

Warwickshire staged a great recovery in the second half, when they had Somerset shaken by a series of resolute bursts. A score eluded them, however, and Pridmore missed a fairly simple penalty kick, while Mark sent a drop kick skimming under the bar.

THRILLING TURN

The game took a thrilling turn when Warwickshire, maintaining their magnificent effort, got an equalising score. It came from a great burst by F. O. Wheatley, followed by

SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

The following were the results of yesterday's Softball matches:

International Series
Portugal "A" 12, Canada 5.
China 9, U.S.A. 0.
Women's League
Wildcats 14, Canadian Chinese 8.
Panthers 12, Cardinals 10.
Filipino Club 22, Pirates 10.

a dazzling run by Kaye, who crossed for a try in the corner, but Pridmore failed to convert.

Warwickshire got their due reward when, in the last minute of the match, Bruce-Lockhart made a brilliant run to score behind the posts. Pridmore added the extra points with the last kick of a magnificent match.

Tennis To Be Resumed To-Day?

It very much looks as if the weather has cleared up sufficiently for the Colony lawn tennis championships to be resumed this afternoon.

The following is to-day's programme:—

Open Singles

Lam Kwan v J. M. Tomlinson (6).
A. Crawford v Peter U (7), Ho Ka Lau v W. C. Hung (8).

Open Doubles

Lim Thian-tet and Stephen Wong v E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson (4), S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn v I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu (Stand Court).

Club Handicap Singles

T. J. Gould (—15) v R. C. Beaven (—3.6) (1).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ralph (2.6) v Mr. R. Gordon and Mrs. Shewan (—3.6) (2), Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman (—1.5) v L. J. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (—1.6) (3).

Referee: J. C. H. Ireland (Scotland).

Luba Shafstain & Lya Gurevitch From The Studio

Today's Wireless

"Music Hall" From London: Dance Music

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mona Lisa—Waltz (J. Schebek).

Idylle Passionnelle — Waltz (Georges Razigade).

Orchestra Mascotte.

To-day I Found My Happiness (from Operette "Wedding in Samarkand").

The Stars Are Gleaming (Leux-Hannes-Balz).

Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German).

In Dreamy Night—Waltz (from "The Vagabond"—Ziehrer).

Orchestra Mascotte.

Isola Bella! (Lincke-Backers).

For You Alone, Lucia—Serenade (Bixio-Bergh).

Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German).

Gypsy Love—Waltz Melodies (Lehár).

Moonlight On The Danube—Waltz (Byron Gay).

Orchestra Mascotte.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Latest Variety Numbers.

Organ—Chu Chin Chow—Selection (Norton).

Harry Davidson at the Organ of the Commodore Theatre, Hammersmith.

Entertainer—It Wouldn't Have Done For The Duke, Sir (Kennington and Wass).

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. (9.52 megacycles)

Norman Long at the Piano.

Organ—Love And Learn (film "That Girl From Paris").

Lookin' Around Corners For You (film "Head Over Heels").

Sidney Torch at the Organ.

Vocal—When A Lady Meets A Gentleman Down South (Opheim-Cleary-Krakaur).

Sophie Tucker with Orchestra and Ted Shapiro (Piano).

Vocal—Outside Of Paradise (from the film).

Phil Regan with Orchestra.

Orch.—Junk Man's Serenade (Aiston).

Ja-Da (Carleton).

Ovie Alston and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Tchaikowsky — Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23.

Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—"For The Children."

"Robin Hood And The Sorrowful Knight."

An Old English Greenwood Play by Franklyn Kelsey, produced in the London studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation by Derek McCulloch.

Cast: Foster Richardson; Franklyn Kelsey; Ralph Trueman; Ralph de Rohan; Eric Stan-

ley; Cyril Nash.

Marie Goossens at the Harp

The Gershom Parkinson Quintet.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quickstep—Summer's End.

Slow Fox-Trot—Two Sleepy People (film "Thanks for the Memory").

Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Don't Let That Moon Get Away (film "Sing, you Sinners").

Why Doesn't Somebody Tell Me These Things.

Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—Music-Hall.

Including Turner Layton, My Piano and I Randolph Sutton; Britain's Premier Light Comedian Georgie Wood, the Peter Pan of Vaudeville, assisted by Dolly Harmer and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell. Presented by John Sharman.

7.45 p.m.—London Relay—"This is France"—3.

"Monsieur at Madame Tout le monde" by Felix De Grand Combe.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The State Opera Orchestra conducted by Dr. Leo Blech.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Recital by Luba Shafstain and Lya Gurevitch.

Arensky Suite.

(a) Romance.

(b) Valse.

(c) Polonaise.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—"The Club of Queer Trades".

By G. K. Chesterton.

Episode 3: The Awful Reason of the Vicar's Visit.

Adapted for broadcasting by Dou-

glas Cleverdon.
Characters: Gilbert Swinburne; Basil Grant; the Rev. Ellis Shorter; 'Arry alias Miss Brett; Bill alias Miss James; Sam alias Miss Mowbray; Mrs. Shorter; A constable.
Production by Michael Goodwin.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—The Maestro Singers.

Maire, My Girl (Casey and Altken).

Little Annie Rooney (Nolan).

Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow (Tabrar).

With Piano accompaniment.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"In Town To-night."

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the news of the week and "Standing on the Corner" (Michael Standing interviews the "Man in the Street").

Edited and produced by C. F. Meehan.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Waltz—Golden Heart.

Slow Fox-Trot—In The Chapel In The Moonlight.

Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Rumbas—Blue Rumba.

Coubanakan.

The Lecuona Cuban Boys with Vocal Chorus.

Fox-Trots—The First Time I Saw You (film "The Toast of New York").

I'm Happy When You're Happy (film "Hide and Seek").

Jay Wilbur And His Band with Vocal Chorus.

Tangos—La Punalada.

Se Lo Llevaron.

Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trot—At The Cafe Continental.

On The Beach At Bali-Bali.

Maurice Winnick & His Orch. with Vocal Refrain.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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 ♦ 6
 ♣ A Q 7 2
 ♠ J 6 2
 ♥ Q 9 5
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ K 10 9
 ♠ A 8 7 3
 ♥ A 8 7 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ J 6 5

♠ 10
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A K Q J 10 7 5 3 2
 ♣ 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 50 Pass 60 Pass
 Pass Pass

A pre-emptive bid when correctly used is meant to show a great concentration of strength in the suit bid and the absence of high cards in the other suits. In addition, when vulnerable, the wholesale opening should be a deliberate overbid of two tricks on the theory that if partner can supply no tricks, the penalty taken will deprive the opponents of a game or Slam. South's five-diamond bid exactly met these requirements, and North should not have bid the Slam with only one Ace.

Being afraid of a void suit, East refused to double on his two Aces, and now a lucky opening gave South his opportunity. Having nothing to go on, West decided on a club opening (a lead from a King is frequently effective against a Slam). Deciding the gamble was well worth while, South finessed Aces.

the club Queen, then discarded a spade on the Ace. After drawing trumps, South still had a hard guess confronting him. The fates, having been kind so far, did not fail Declarer at this stage, for he made the correct guess of the heart ten, thereby making a Slam which should definitely not have been bid.

Howard Schenken was your partner yesterday. You held:

♠ K K
 ♥ K K
 ♦ A J K K
 ♣ K K

The bidding:
 Schenken Jacoby You Burnstine
 2NT Pass (P)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three notrump. You are not interested in a Slam, nor do you see any disadvantage in playing notrump since your partner will have strength in every suit.

Score 100% for three notrump, 70% for three diamonds (you would much rather play three notrump than five diamonds), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 58

To-day you are David Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ Q J x
 ♥ x x
 ♦ x x
 ♣ A x x x x

With both sides vulnerable, the bidding goes:

Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
 1♣ 2♦ 3♦ 4♣ (P)
 What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"The Citadel", with Robert Donat, Rosalind Russell, Ralph Richardson and Rex Harrison. "The Citadel" is a story of the adventures in courage encountered by an obscure young physician and his school teacher bride in the coal mines. He rises to an exclusive society practice in London, forgets the high ethics of his

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Hong Kong, 10th March, 1939.

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JAPANESE NOT YET OVER RIVER INTO NANCHANG

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese advance on the Kiangsi capital, Nanchang, entered a decisive stage yesterday when the Japanese troops captured the railway station across the Kan River, opposite Nanchang, and the fifteen-hundred-metre bridge leading to Nanchang.

Chinese sappers succeeded in blowing up part of the bridge, the Japanese report admits.

Aerial observation suggests that the Chinese troops are retreating to the south of Nanchang.

The Japanese point out that the capture of Nanchang, when it comes about, means rupture of the Airway from the Chekiang coast to Kiangsi, which is one of Chungking's few remaining arms supply routes.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALY WINS

Florence, To-day.

Italy defeated Germany by three goals to two in an international soccer match yesterday, after leading 2-1 at half-time.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. J. Braga, of No. 5 Knutsford Terrace, has reported that motor accessories to the value of \$60 were stolen from his motor car No. 4324, while parked outside his residence on Saturday.

JAPAN'S HUGE LOSSES

Chungking, To-day.

A close adviser of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, told the press that the war in China would go on for another three years and would not end in the defeat of China.

Neutral observers had revealed that the Japanese had lost over 1,000,000 killed and disabled since hostilities began.

So heavy were their losses in the campaign for capture of Hankow, that not until last week were they able to undertake another serious offensive operation. — Our Own Correspondent.

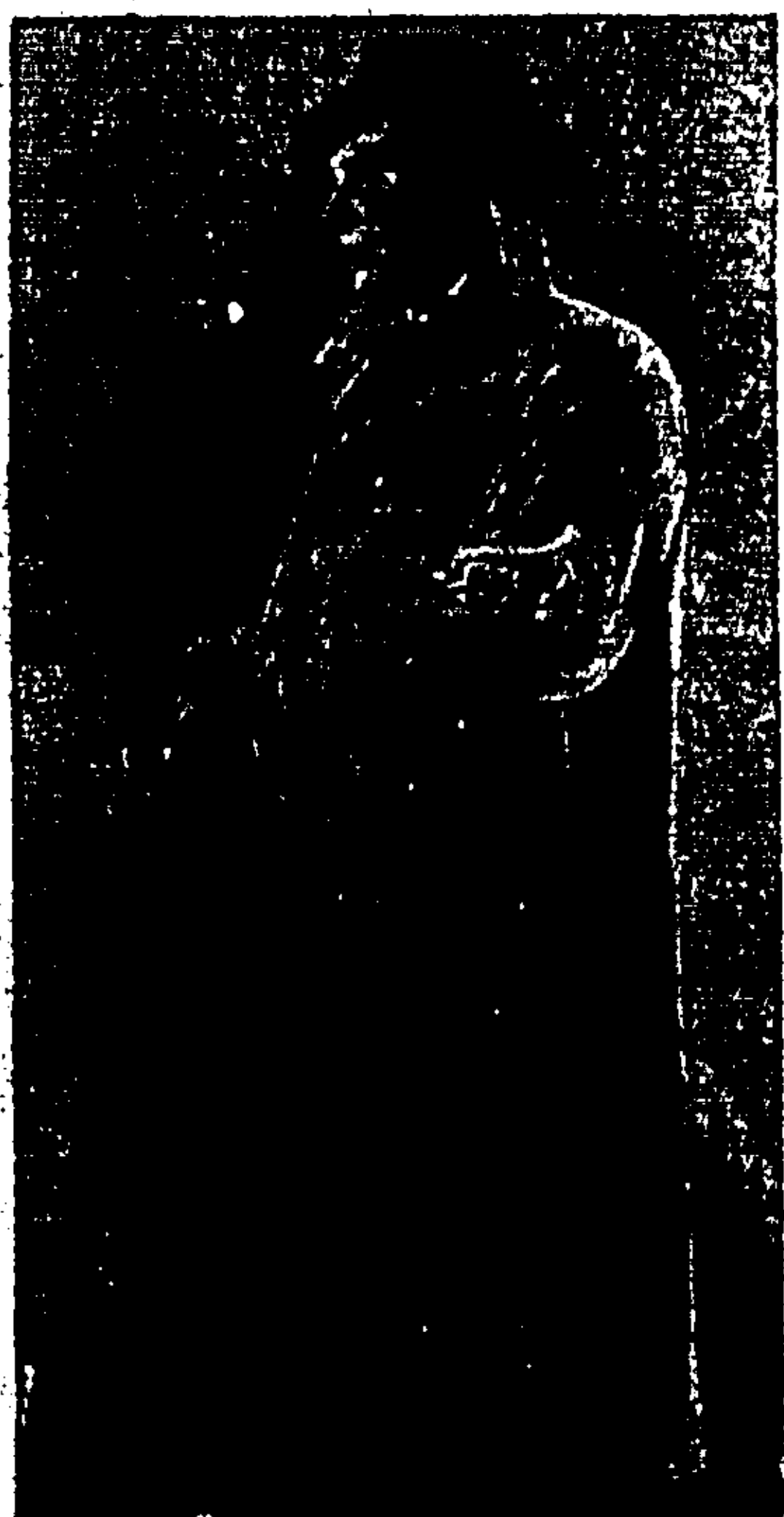
RAID ON CANTON

Chungking, To-day.

The Aviation Commission reported to-day that Chinese planes which raided Canton four days ago concentrated on the aerodromes and wrecked ten Japanese planes on the ground.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Goldmond, third engineer of the s.s. Wu Pei, has reported that between 3 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, some person entered his cabin, and stole a wrist watch valued at \$30, while the ship was lying in Taikoo Dockyard.

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